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Fitial to other Republicans: Drink milk

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said yesterday he respects the opinion of some members of the CNMI Republican Party who are unhappy with his selection as party president, and advised them to “drink milk.”

“Anybody has his own mind so let them speak their mind. I have my own mind but I will never address them,” he said, adding that he has been meeting with Republicans every week.

He said he “will never force people to do what they don’t want to do.”

“So if they don’t want to be with me, I respect that. So my prayers go to them,” he told reporters yesterday.

The governor, at the same time, said his being the president of the party again and his connection with the Republican National Committee will bring “tangible benefits and advantages” to the CNMI.

“This is the wonderful thing about being a Republican now because it’s a Republican year. The Republicans in the United States are becoming stronger so, you know, you develop relationship and now

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CNMI'S NEWEST JUDGE

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, second from right, prepares to administer the oath for attorney Joseph James Norita Camacho, right, who was sworn in as the newest associate judge at the CNMI Superior Court during a “private” ceremony yesterday afternoon. Holding the Bible for Camacho are his wife Viola Alepuyo and their 11-year-old son Ulen Joseph in the governor's conference room on Capital Hill.

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Invasive little fire ant found in Guam

The little fire ant has been found on Guam and, according to University of Guam entomologist Ross Miller, this could be the makings of an ecological disaster on par with the invasion of the brown tree snake.

“We have been on the lookout for *Wasmannia auropunctata* since 2007 with surveillance projects in Guam and the CNMI. This ant has caused ecological devastation in Hawaii, New Caledonia, and the Australian government has spent over \$12 million in attempts to eradicate an infestation in Cairns and

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UOG ENTOMOLOGY LAB

Maia Raymundo from the UOG Entomology Lab collects little fire ant specimens. Inset shows little fire ants found on plants at the Primos Northern Hardfill.

House members' contractors include Maryland-based lawyer, ex-speakers

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Instead of having full-time government employees in their offices, some members of the House of Representatives hire independent contractors that act as office managers, community workers, researchers, or legal advisers. Among these are a Maryland-based lawyer and former House speaker Heinz Hofschneider. At least one member also hires part-time employees, most of them students.

Some do employ full-time government employees and use the services of the Legislative Bureau for research and legal advice. Those with independent contractors pay these contractors from their office or operational accounts.

Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said yesterday that since he became a member of the 17th Legislature, he has hired an independent contractor

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Ex-AG Kosack to defend Mrs. Pai

Former attorney general Rexford C. Kosack will defend the wife of Public Auditor Michael Pai in a criminal case that charges her with stealing utility services amounting to over \$51,000.

A source disclosed yesterday that Joanna C. Pai has hired Kosack to represent her in the case.

Kosack later confirmed this in a phone interview. "It's confirmed. I'm representing Mrs. Pai," he said.

Kosack said he will appear at Mrs. Pai's arraignment on Monday at 9am in the Superior Court.

When asked for comments on behalf of Mrs. Pai about the charges, Kosack said he will do so on Monday.

The source said that Mrs. Pai will be filing a "very interesting" motion on Monday. When asked about this, Kosack only replied, "Check on Monday."

Kosack also used to serve as chief prosecutor of the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division.

The OAG had charged Mrs. Pai with one count of theft of utility services. *Saipan Tribune* learned from a source that the alleged theft involved Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s

power services.

The night before the filing of the case, a December 2010 Office of the Public Auditor investigation report was leaked by an anonymous source. The report concludes that Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham "violated criminal prohibitions" of both the Commonwealth Ethics Code Act and the Commonwealth Election Act when he hosted a campaign party for then delegate candidate Joseph N. Camacho on Aug. 28, 2010. *(Ferdie dela Torre)*

Man allegedly molests girl on Rota

Police arrested Wednesday afternoon a 41-year-old man who allegedly molested a girl on Rota.

Joaquin Taga Fujihira was served with an arrest warrant at 2:02pm in Sinapalo 2, Rota, on charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree and second degree, indecent exposure in the first degree, child abuse, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo retained the bail at \$66,000 cash. Preliminary hearing will be on

Nov. 17 at 1:30pm.

Police said that investigation began after a detective received a call from the Division of Youth Services on Saipan on Nov. 3 about an anonymous call relating to a possible sexual abuse of a minor.

In an interview, the child reportedly told police that Fujihira touched her private parts sometime in the summer of 2007. The girl pushed Fujihira away and told him to stop. The suspect allegedly gave her money and told her not to tell anyone. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Proposed \$10M casino license fee proving to be contentious

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If Gov. Benigno R. Fitial would have his way, he'd remove or reduce the proposed \$10 million casino license fee. Some pro-casino House members, however, want the amount retained in House Bill 17-240, which was introduced during yesterday's brief session.

Pro-casino members had hoped the bill seeking to legalize casino gambling on Saipan would be put on the calendar for passage but that didn't happen because of a 2pm event at the governor's office.

Instead, the House will hold another session on Tuesday to pass the casino bill.

Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said the CNMI needs the \$10 million casino license fee, adding that if investors do not have that money to pay for a casino license, then that's something odd.

A casino license application fee alone is \$250,000. Once the application is approved, a casino commission will require the investor to pay the \$10 million casino license fee within 90 days. The license is valid for 30 years.

Fitial said he will continue to recommend removal or reduction of the proposed \$10 million casino license fee.

"I asked them [to] make it

easier for [investors] to come in and we make it difficult for them to leave," he said.

While the bill is expected to pass the House just like the first House casino bill, it may be up for another rough sailing in the Senate.

Fitial has this to say to senators: "This is something that the people need. They need relief and this is one of the few ini-

tiatives that I already discussed with the entire Legislature. We need to work together to realize this initiative in order to bring back economic recovery to the Commonwealth."

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), co-author of HB 17-240, said everybody has their own interest in the bill but concerns about the \$10 million license fee could be resolved by Tuesday.

"It will be up to the other members if they want to remove the \$10 million," said Torres, author of a local bill legalizing casinos on Saipan that Fitial killed because of its unconstitutionality.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) said he prefers that a \$10-million license fee be retained in the bill. He said there is currently a proposal in Florida to build three casinos that require a

\$1.5 billion investment each.

"Investors will consider that Saipan as part of the CNMI—a U.S. soil and is using U.S. dollar—will be a good place to invest in. They know money here is legitimate. Coming from a businessman that I know, maintaining the \$10

million will be a guarantee that the investor has money. And the CNMI needs fresh investment for its people and its economy," Palacios said.

Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan) and Torres, along with three other House members, formally introduced the 29-page HB 17-240, a few days after Saipan voters were polled on their views on casinos.

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Packed 'private' swearing-in ceremony for Camacho

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With his family, relatives, supporters, and other guests by his side, attorney Joseph James Norita Camacho was sworn in as the newest associate judge at the CNMI Superior Court during a "private" ceremony yesterday afternoon.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial administered the oath for Camacho, while Camacho's wife Viola Alepuyo and their 11-year-old son Ulen Joseph held the Bible at the ceremony held in the governor's packed conference room on

Capital Hill.

"It's a big accomplishment and I'd like to say not just for myself but for my wife and the family as well as the many, many people who throughout my life have encouraged me and pushed me and advised me; so it's also an accomplishment for those [people]," said Camacho, a former House floor leader and government prosecutor.

A separate swearing-in ceremony—a public one—will be held on Nov. 18 at the CNMI Supreme Court at 10am.

Yesterday's swearing-in was needed in order for the administration to begin processing the paperwork for Cama-

cho's elevation to the Judiciary.

Camacho, who will officially start his job on Monday, replaces Ramona V. Manglona as CNMI Superior Court associate judge after Manglona became chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

At the ceremony yesterday, Camacho thanked the governor for his nomination, the Senate for their consideration, his family for their support and encouragement, and all the other individuals who have helped him throughout the years.

Acting Chief Justice Alex Castro, Presiding Judge Robert Naraja and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos also took turns laud-

ing Camacho's appointment and confirmation, and they all look forward to working with him.

Fitial said he hopes that Camacho will continue to be fair and impartial. Fitial endorsed Camacho's candidacy during the 2010 delegate race; he finished second in the four-way race won by Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP).

"I want everybody to understand this is not an easy responsibility so continue to pray not only for Judge Camacho but also the rest of the judges," Fitial said.

While holding the Bible, Fitial said the only thing that people cannot change in the world are the 10 Commandments. "Everything else can be

changed," he said. "I believe in God, and now I believe in the judiciary system."

In an interview later, Fitial elaborated that laws can be changed, just like anything that man makes except the 10 Commandments.

"Anything made by man or human being can always be changed so there is no excuse for not doing what you're supposed to do," he said.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) also led members of the House at the ceremony yesterday, along with other government officials.

Camacho invited the public to the Nov. 18 ceremony, adding that refreshments will be sponsored by his family.

86 Japanese students on island for exchange program

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A total of 86 Japanese high school students arrived on island Wednesday night to take part in a cultural exchange program organized by the Saipan Business & Language Institute, which has been conducting these programs since 2003.

The Japanese students, ranging in age from 14 to 18, arrived with principal Hidehiko Gomi, teachers Kazutaka Oyanagi, Atsushi Futatsugi, Junko Nakajima, Kanae Hara, and tour coordinators Satoshi Hirabayashi and Yukikazu Ishikawa.

The group, assisted by Saipan SBLI staffers Leilani Detablan, Armi Cucal, Vira Starr Cucal, Weilly Brana, and Karl Melchor, visited Grace Christian Academy yesterday to meet their student counterparts.

Each Japanese student was paired with and introduced to a GCA student who served as their "buddy" for the day. During introduction, buddies were able to exchange gifts with each other. They also took part in basketball, volleyball, indoor games, and presentations.

GCA principal Marsha Owens said this is their first year working with SBLI for a cultural exchange program.

"Our students enjoy getting to know other students and a little bit about the Japanese culture," Owens told *Saipan*



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Japanese students participating in the Saipan Business Language Institute cultural exchange program arrive at Grace Christian Academy yesterday afternoon.

Tribune. "Every year, they look forward to the cultural exchange."

The visiting group's activities yesterday also included meeting with the senior citizens at the Aging Center.

The group will be staying with some 41 host families from today un-

til Sunday.

"The main goal is to have students stay with local families and experience their culture while learning English," said SBLI's Armi Cucal.

The group is scheduled to fly back to Japan on Monday.

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Maryland-based attorney David Chan, his legal counsel when he was still governor and now his legal adviser and researcher.

"It's worth it," said Tenorio, referring to the \$300-\$350 an hour rate he pays Chan. He said Chan is instrumental in doing research on, drafting, and amending most of Tenorio's bills, including his casino bill that the Senate killed last year.

Tenorio, who also served briefly as House speaker, said he used to pay Chan \$5,000 to \$6,000 a month but later realized he could no longer afford it so they changed it to an hourly rate.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), for his part, hired former speaker Heinz Hofschneider as his researcher since September.

"He's been working on many bills," Cabrera said, adding that Hofschneider is one of the most competent researchers or consultants one could have. He said the former speaker is paid \$2,500 a month.

Cabrera also has two other independent contractors working at his office

on Capital Hill.

Vice speaker Felicidad Ogomoro (Cov-Saipan) also has a consultant/adviser, former speaker Pedro Deleon Guerrero.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said he has one full-time office manager and one independent contractor serving as a community worker.

"For research and legal advice, I depend on the LB, its counsels, staff and delegation clerk," said Tebuteb, who also chairs the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

Tebuteb said lawmakers are able to save on their office or operational accounts by hiring part-timers, and using the funding saved for precinct or community projects.

Hiring full-time government employees requires paying for medical benefits, vacation leaves, sick leaves and all other benefits and privileges afforded to other government employees; whereas hiring independent contractors do not require giving these benefits except the wage rate.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) also avails of the Legislative Bureau's services in doing research and on legal advice. He has one full-time government employee.

"I can do without a consultant because the Legislative Bureau has been helpful, and my office employee is efficient. They're all I need. Not only this saves money, but the money saved goes back to the community," he said.

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) said she hired five part-time employees, most of them students. Of the five, three are on Rota and two are on Saipan.

"I use my legislative account to hire these employees on a part-time basis. It's not so much about the savings that I hire them as part-time, but because I want to help as many students or individuals needing a part-time job," said Santos.

Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) said he only has one full-time government employee.

House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said he has two independent contractors.

Floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), for his part, said he has four full-time government employees.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) also has two regular government employees and one independent contractor serving as office manager.

Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) has one independent contractor and one regular employee.

INVASIVE

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Brisbane," said Miller.

The ant was found by staff of the Guam Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Eradication Project at Primos Northern Hardfill for organic materials located on the back road to Andersen.

"Workers were being bitten by the ants as they off-loaded debris at the dump. CRB director Roland Quituqua brought in a sample to our lab and Maia Raymundo identified them as the little fire ant," said Miller. "This identification has since been confirmed by ant experts in Hawaii, and we are now trying to identify the extent of the infestation on Guam."

This tiny, nondescript ant can be found on the underside of leaves, in the ground or in treetops eating other insects, snails, geckos, baby chicks, whatever they find in their paths. They can potentially turn an area into an ecological wasteland. If people brush against infested plants, hundreds of the tiny ants will soon be stinging them before they know it. While the sting of an individual ant is not in itself painful, the

ants sting en masse which may cause persistent, intense itching and a rash.

Miller hopes that the public will respond to this all-points bulletin and be on the lookout for the ants. "We are counting on the cooperation of the public to find out how extensive the little fire ant is [in] Guam. If you have been stung or have seen small yellow or reddish to golden brown ants in your yard or ranch please do collect a sample to help us find them."

People can bring ant samples to UOG College of Natural and Applied Sciences dean's office during weekday business hours. It is important that the ants are placed in a container with a tight-fitting lid, preferably in alcohol, and labeled with the person's name, phone number and the location where it was collected.

UOG scientists are working with Russ Campbell, Guam's territorial entomologist, to mount a campaign to contain this latest invasive species to land in Guam. Ant samples may also be taken to Dr. Campbell's office at the Plant Inspection Station on Tiyan. His number is 472-5812 Ext. 15. Miller may be contacted at UOG at 735-2141. (*UOG*)

FITIAL

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that relationship translates into tangible benefits, advantage for the Commonwealth," he said.

Fitial was unanimously chosen by those present at the meeting on Saturday when Juan N. Babauta stepped down to devote his time as chief executive officer of the Commonwealth Health Corp.

But sitting Republican lawmakers said they were not invited to the Saturday meeting nor were they informed about amendments to the party bylaws that paved the way for an elected official to become party president.

Fitial, however, has this to say: "My word to them? Drink milk... That helps remove ulcer... I think they have problem with ulcer so my advice is for them to drink milk."

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), one of those with misgivings about Saturday's meeting and Fitial's selection, said when Fitial talks about his connections to the Republican National Committee, he also needs to mention his connections to disgraced Washington, D.C. lobbyist Jack Abramoff, Tom Delay, and the others.

Tebuteb said as for the "milk" advice, he said he's already drinking coconut milk anyway.

House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said the governor's statements are not worth responding to.

Fitial said he received congratulatory letters from the Republican National Committee, which he said is standard when someone becomes state chairman of the Republican Party.

When asked whether he's going to run as delegate candidate, he said this is a separate matter.

Some Republican lawmakers said Fitial betrayed the Republican Party when he abandoned it in 2001 to form a new party for his gubernatorial bid, and he therefore "should not be made to lead the same party he had betrayed."

They questioned how Fitial and his core group could promote unity among Republicans when they failed to give courtesy to Republican incumbents about a meeting and amendments to bylaws.

Fitial founded and headed the CNMI Republican Party until he formed his own Covenant Party for his gubernatorial bids in 2001 and 2005. Babauta ran against Fitial in these two elections. Fitial was re-accepted to the Republican Party early this year, and called on other Covenant Party members to follow him.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and other Covenant members remain with the Covenant Party.

Financial audit underway at public health

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In a bid to run the Public Health

CHC short of bed sheets and linens

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The Commonwealth Health Center has run out of bed sheets and linens since last week and staff are making do with what's available.

Hospital sources disclosed that since Nov. 3, CHC is down to their old stock of bed sheets and linens and the shortage is such that the hospital is being forced to reuse used bed sheets—using the other side—just so they could accommodate patients.

Healthcare corporation chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta and board chair Joaquin Torres acknowledged the existence of the problem yesterday, saying this as just among the many concerns now being addressed.

The two cited the hospital's shaky financial condition as the main cause for the lack of supplies. "That shortage of bed sheets and linen is just one of the many issues and concerns

Department on a clear note, the healthcare corporation is now seeking a financial audit that will determine the starting bal-

that we are trying to address one at a time and if we only have the \$5 million [seed money], the CEO can immediately address it," Torres said.

Saipan Tribune learned that CHC is three months behind in its payment to Marianas Cleaners, which has been servicing the hospital for many years now. Outstanding obligation to the company was estimated at less than \$100,000 for August through October. Company officials declined to be interviewed yesterday.

According to hospital staffers, patients also bring home the hospital's bed sheets and lines after checking out, compounding the shortage.

Babauta and Torres vowed yesterday to address all issues at the hospital. Once a financial system is in place and a budget is laid out, they said the corporation can better plan for its expenditures, with medical and hospital supplies on top of everything.

ance for the organization.

Corporation board chair Joaquin Torres and chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they have already met with the Office of the Public Auditor and had sought the assistance of private auditing firm Deloitte & Touche for the task.

"We would like to see the starting point for this corporation and we need to know our beginning balance. Once this audit is completed, we will know what we owed before and what we're facing after. Our intention is to bring this audit to the authorities up there, negotiate and decide [on the extent of] the corporation's obligation," said Babauta.

The healthcare corporation

took over nearly all functions of the Department of Public Health on Oct. 1, 2011.

Torres said there are questions that need to be answered such as who will pay for unpaid bills owed past vendors. "These are all not clear at present. And even if we acknowledge those obligations, the money is just not there," he added.

The two said that the corporation will first establish a balanced budget, which is expected to be completed within the week.

Torres disclosed that the corporation is looking at a \$25-million budget for this fiscal year, including the \$5 million seed

money appropriated under the corporation law.

"We want to set up a balanced budget...[which means] we need to spend only what is within the available resources. Anything beyond \$25 million, we have to trim down," said Torres.

Babauta revealed that many vendors have not been paid for some three to four years.

\$52M uncollectibles

Babauta also disclosed that the hospital's uncollectibles now stand at \$52 million but he is optimistic that putting a financial system in place will help collect these monies. Receivables pile up mainly due to the

untimely issuance and delivery of medical billings to patients and clients.

A private company staff earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that they only received last month the bill for one of their employees who was admitted to the hospital in 2006.

Babauta said the corporation is working on developing a financial system that will be integrated with other key hospital areas such as the automated medical records and billing.

The lack of enough number of people for these sections also hampers the efficient delivery of services. Babauta and Torres said the corporation will either hire or transfer personnel from within the department to the billing, medical record, and collection areas.

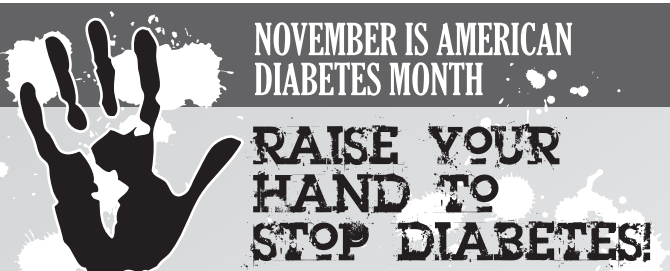
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Triple J ties up with Delta for mileage rewards program

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REPORTER

Customers of Triple J Saipan now have the chance to earn more miles with Delta SkyMiles, the frequent flyer program of Delta Air Lines, following the company's announcement yesterday.

Delta SkyMiles members will earn 1 mile for every \$1 spent at any of Triple J Saipan companies: Triple J Super Fresh Market, Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, Tony Roma's, Capricciosa, and Truong's.

To earn miles, customers only need to present their SkyMiles membership card or membership number upon check-out or making payments at any of the Triple J Saipan companies. About six to eight weeks are needed before the miles earned appear in the SkyMiles account.

Triple J Saipan marketing manager Jay Santos said this is a first time for their company to partner with an airline company for a valuable rewards program.



CLARISSA V. DAVID
Triple J Super Fresh Market staffers Rosemarie Litulumar, Doreen Tesero, and Valerie Reyes pose beside the Delta Air Lines logo inside the store yesterday. Triple J Saipan has teamed up with one of the world's major airline company for its frequent flyer program, Delta SkyMiles, to provide more benefits and as a way to thank its customers.

"We feel that this Delta SkyMiles program provides even more benefits to our customers," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Santos said Triple J Saipan's partnership with the Delta Air Lines and its SkyMiles program

is only fitting for the island community. "Living on the islands, just about every household has to travel to visit family, go on vacation, send kids off to school. This is going to go a long way in helping them earn miles to travel through Delta Air

Lines," he said.

According to Santos, planning and setting up the partnership took them several months to work out the program to its last details. Giving their customers the opportunity to earn miles for every transaction they make with Triple J Saipan is a way of thanking their clientele as well.

"We hope that they're as thrilled about this as we are," Santos said.

Raffle promotion

Santos said that Triple J Saipan customers still have more things to look forward to with the launching of a raffle promotion next week.

Each purchase transaction made at Triple J Super Fresh Market, Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, Tony Roma's, Capricciosa, and Truong's from Nov. 14 to Dec. 23 entitles a customer to a raffle ticket. No minimum purchase is necessary.

The raffle draw will give

away exciting prizes like gift certificates to Tony Roma's, Capricciosa, and Truong's; \$100 shopping sprees to Triple J Super Fresh Mart, a 42" Zenith Plasma TV, and the grand prize of a roundtrip ticket to Hawaii or anywhere in the U.S. mainland.

Promotion winners will be

drawn on Dec. 23. "We're hopeful that this will be a very nice Christmas present for our customers," said Santos.

Shop and dine now with Triple J Saipan for a chance to accrue more miles from Delta Air Lines SkyMiles program. For more information, call 322-0430.

Ex-NMC interim president is newest honorary regent

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Lorraine T. Cabrera, the former interim president of Northern Marianas College, was named the newest honorary member of the Board of Regents after being selected by the Staff Senate Council in an election last week.

Cabrera, director of the college's Adult Basic Education program, was the sole nominee for the position. She attended her first meeting with the board on Wednesday.

The new Staff Senate president replaces Daisy Revilla, who stepped down early this

year. The eight-member Staff Senate Council also selected Ross Manglona to be the organization's new vice president.

Saipan Tribune learned that Cabrera was actually the very first Staff Senate president at

the college and held the position for two terms in the early 2000. This marks her third time to be an honorary member of the college board.

Cabrera became NMC's interim president in January 2010

when then president Dr. Carmen Fernandez was suspended and later terminated by the board. She occupied the position for more than a year until she was replaced by Dr. Sharon Hart in July this year.

As Staff Senate president, Cabrera said that standing issues about salary and employment contracts are among the major concerns she will champion with the management and the board.

Salary increases at the college has been stalled for many years. The last time they got a pay raise was in 1994.

Cabrera said the employment contract matter is now being communicated with NMC president Hart and they hope to see some movement on the issue in coming months.



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OF THE
CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 10:00 A.M. at the CRM Conference Room, Springs Plaza, Middle Road, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - a) Call to Order
 - b) Roll Call
- II. **PERMIT APPLICATION**
Galaide Estate Villas - CRM Permit no. SMS-2011-X-063
 - a. Permit application/summary by CRMO
 - b. Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO
 - c. Permit Status (CRMO/CRM Agencies)
- III. **OTHER MATTERS**
- IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

RITA C. CHONG - DELACRUZ
Administrator

CPA: Some airport projects will be put on hold until '13

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Budget constraints at the national level will hinder efforts of the Commonwealth Ports Authority to implement upcoming projects, according to executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero yesterday.

He disclosed that the Federal Aviation Administration has notified them of a possible holdup in some projects, including the

Fake Viagra peddler gets 6-mo. sentence

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The federal court sentenced yesterday to six months in prison Cai Xia Xu, a Chinese female national tagged by federal agents as a big-time supplier of fake Viagra.

Xu was given credit for the six months she has already spent in jail, which means she should already have been released yesterday.

Michael Dotts, the court-appointed counsel for Xu, told reporters after the sentencing that the U.S. Marshal Service will turn Xu over to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for deportation proceedings.

Trafficking in counterfeit goods is a deportable offense.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered Xu to pay \$9,365.23 in restitution to Viagra manufacturer Pfizer and required her to pay a \$250 court assessment fee.

Xu was placed on three years of supervised release and required, among other conditions, to perform 100 hours of community service.

Dotts said that Xu, who has been on Saipan for 12 years now, used to be a garment worker who eventually engaged in farming.

Xu pleaded guilty in July to two counts of trafficking in counterfeit goods as part of a plea deal. The other charges—introduction of misbranded drugs into interstate commerce and receipt and delivery of misbranded drugs in interstate commerce—were dropped.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations said that a confidential source bought a total of 50 bottles of fake Viagra from Xu in separate occasions earlier this year. Each bottle reportedly contained at least 30 tablets.

An FDA agent said that test results on the drug bought from Xu showed that the label and foil seal were not authentic and the bottle had a wrong recycle code.

An officer from Pfizer Global Security reportedly tested the tablets and determined that the tablets and labeling were both fake.

building of an ARFF Center on Tinian, which was supposed to be funded and constructed this fiscal year.

"We were informed by FAA that some of our projects may probably be moved back to one fiscal year like the Tinian ARFF which was now moved back to 2013 instead of this year," he said.

The expansion of the Saipan International Airport's ARFF Center, which is ongoing, will continue, he said. A notice to proceed has already been issued for the construction of a mock plane, he added.

He also described as "on target" the ongoing rehabilitation of Saipan International Airport's runway in February. The project's original completion deadline was October 2011 but this got pushed back after the discovery of last-minute problems. The project costs about \$19 million, all funded by FAA.

According to Deleon Guerrero, CPA submitted to FAA a five-year "wish list" of projects it wants to build on Saipan, Tin-

ian, and Rota airports. To date, CPA has yet to know how much it will get from FAA's airport

improvement project program this fiscal year, he added.

During last year's Micronesian

Chief Executives Summit on island, it was learned that FAA gave away over \$955 million or nearly

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NMTI to offer more courses; needs more instructors

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute has announced that it will offer more courses for residents who want to learn new skills.

Counseling and outreach coordinator Ray Alvarez Jr. made the announcement during the promotion ceremony Tuesday night for 67 students. These additional courses include welding, the OUPV or 6-pack captain's license, painting, heating ventilation, and air-conditioning.

"We've had students show

interest in those courses so we're looking at using some of the resources we have to offer those classes," Alvarez told *Saipan Tribune*.

The new courses, Alvarez said, will be funded through the \$200,000 federal grant made possible by Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan.

Alvarez noted, however, that they would need a minimum of eight students to sign up per class to help them cover basic overhead.

NMTI founder and president Anthony Pellegrino said these new courses were suggestions from the community itself. "In other words, we don't dictate. It's the demand of the community."

Pellegrino also invites residents with skills in welding, plumbing, masonry, painting, and other trades to become instructors at NMTI. "I'd like to request anybody in the community who has many skills, men and women, to come to our school and register as

a potential instructor. I would like to talk to them because we need instructors," he said.

There is no age restriction and it doesn't matter whether they are still working or are already retired, Pellegrino said. "We need you. Without instructors, we cannot teach students."

To enroll, become an instructor or for more information, visit NMTI in Lower Base next to Saipan Ice & Water Co. or call 235-6684. *(Clarissa V. David)*

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on a burglary and theft incident that occurred on a car parked outside a residence in Chalan Kanoa.

On Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, around 6:30am, police learned

Parked car robbery

that a blue 1989 BMW four-door sedan had its car window smashed and car stereo stolen. The victim, a 46-year-old Filipino male, parked his car outside his residence behind Bolis

store in Chalan Kanoa around 5:30pm the day before. About 6am, the victim's landlord discovered the broken window to the car and reported the incident. The items stolen include a

car stereo, subwoofer speaker, amplifier, and a toolbox set. The estimated value of the stolen items is over \$900.

Contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 or use its website at www.nmicrimestoppers.com. *(Crime Stoppers)*

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 11, 1999

NMHC receives \$315K in federal grants

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. will now be able to begin construction of some 45 houses in Koblerville after it received a \$315,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle under its Affordable Housing Program. It is the first Affordable Housing Program Grant received by NMHC. According to John S. Tenorio, board chairman of the NMHC, the AHP funds are competitive grants meant to help residential regions with lower-income households, earning 80 percent or below the median income for the area. NMHC applied for the housing grant with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle through BankPacific, formerly Guam Savings and Loan Association. The Koblerville expansion project, intended for first-time homeowners, is designed to be an innovative and ideal community for local families as restrictive agreements are to be followed to ensure maintenance of high standards.

Almost all govt agencies are Y2K ready

Almost all government agencies in the CNMI are already Y2K compliant, easing fears that there will be major public service disruption due to failure of computer systems to recognize the year 2000. A Y2K Task Force created by the Office of the Governor has been coordinating efforts in beating the millennium bug that could jeopardize the delivery of basic services in the CNMI. Representatives from the government and the private sector met yesterday in a conference to address the issue of Y2K preparedness in the Northern Marianas.

Nov. 11, 2002

CUC gets \$2M more from EPA

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation has received some \$2 million in additional funding from the Environmental Protection Agency for water-related projects. CUC executive director Lorraine A. Babauta said CUC received \$1.9 million in EPA funding for the utility firm's water improvement programs, while \$750,000 went to its Agingan Point wastewater treatment plant. "We got additional money to carry out our projects," Babauta said in an interview. The availability of the funding was discussed during a meeting between CUC, EPA, and other concerned local agencies last week.

DPH sees decline in ENT patients backlog

Due to lack of a regular specialist, the Commonwealth Health Center has recorded a backlog in patients needing necessary treatment for their ear, nose, and throat problems. So far, the DPH said, at least 500 ENT patients are on the waiting list. "It's a considerable backlog," DPH medical director Dr. Richard Brostrom said. With the entry of a new full-time ENT doctor, Dr. Florian Braig, Brostrom said the CHC might be able to solve the backlog in a few months. Meantime, Braig said that based on his assessment, local patients suffer mostly from ear infection, hearing loss, and sinusitis.

Nov. 11, 2003

SIA modernization plan in full swing

The Commonwealth Ports Authority yesterday unveiled plans for the Saipan International Airport's Terminal Modernization Project under the Federal Aviation Administration's Entitlement Fund amounting to \$5.4 million for the initial year of implementation. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas disclosed, during a Board meeting yesterday, that the SIA Terminal Modernization Project seeks to expand the entire terminal area by allocating ample spaces to both arrival and departure facilities. The project falls under the FAA Entitlement Fund that guarantees an annual \$5.4 million funding allocation for the project. Once approved, the project would absorb all other pending constructions at the Saipan airport including ramp improvement, car rental concession, parking area, water system, among others.

CUC evaluation team visits VVC water plants in Korea

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s team that ranked proposals submitted for the water desalination project went to South Korea to check on the new water technology offered by a private off-island company, the CUC said in a media release. The team included CUC Board operations committee chairman Frank Q. Guerrero, power division manager Ben Mesa, water division manager Jess Castro, and wastewater division manager Ed Babauta. The four said that, prior to brining the top proposal before the entire board of directors, they first invested in airplane tickets at under \$500 each and went to Korea for two days.



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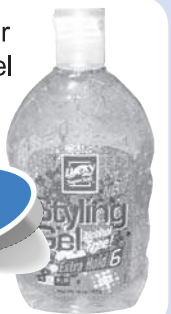
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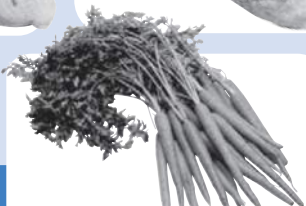
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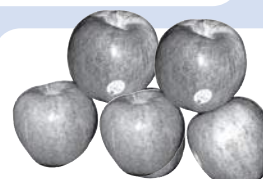
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‘Pay It Forward’ for veterans

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“How can we give back to the veterans?” It’s a commonly asked question and it’s an uncommonly tough question. On the one hand it means that America really cares about its veterans. On the other hand it’s very difficult to know what to give someone who is prepared to defend your freedom with his or her life.

From this grateful veteran, may I suggest an answer that we can all take to heart this Veterans Day: “Pay It Forward.”

Pay It Forward for all veterans and their families in your community. Do something that is really going to make a difference. Do something that is really going to change their lives and help them build a brighter future.

At the moment, for the many veterans who are unemployed, a good job and a lasting career is the “something” that is really going to make all the difference.

Indeed tackling unemployment is the biggest issue facing our nation right now, with the toughest economy in a generation. Whatever the national employment rate is, you can bet that figure is much higher for veterans with disabilities.

At Paralyzed Veterans of America, we are meeting this challenge head on. We created Operation PAVE (Paving Access for Veterans Employment) to help get America’s veterans back to work with good careers and great employers.

How does Operation PAVE work?

We directly engage veterans with disabilities by locating our network of Operation PAVE offices at VA spinal cord injury centers, and we aggressively pursue employers with vacancies.

We change lives and perceptions: For veterans with disabilities, we help them take that often hard next step to a good career and independence. For businesses, we educate them about the advantages of hiring veterans and how easy it is to adapt a workplace for employees with disabilities.

Overcoming the challenge of unemployment is part of a campaign we call Mission: ABLE (www.mission-able.com). It is a full-on effort by Paralyzed Veterans of America to enlist every single citizen, community and company to ensure that veterans receive what they need most: care, benefits and jobs.

When Catherine Ryan Hyde popularized the idea of “Pay- ing It Forward” in her book of the same name, she suggested it should mean doing three good deeds for someone. So this Veterans Day here are three things you might do:

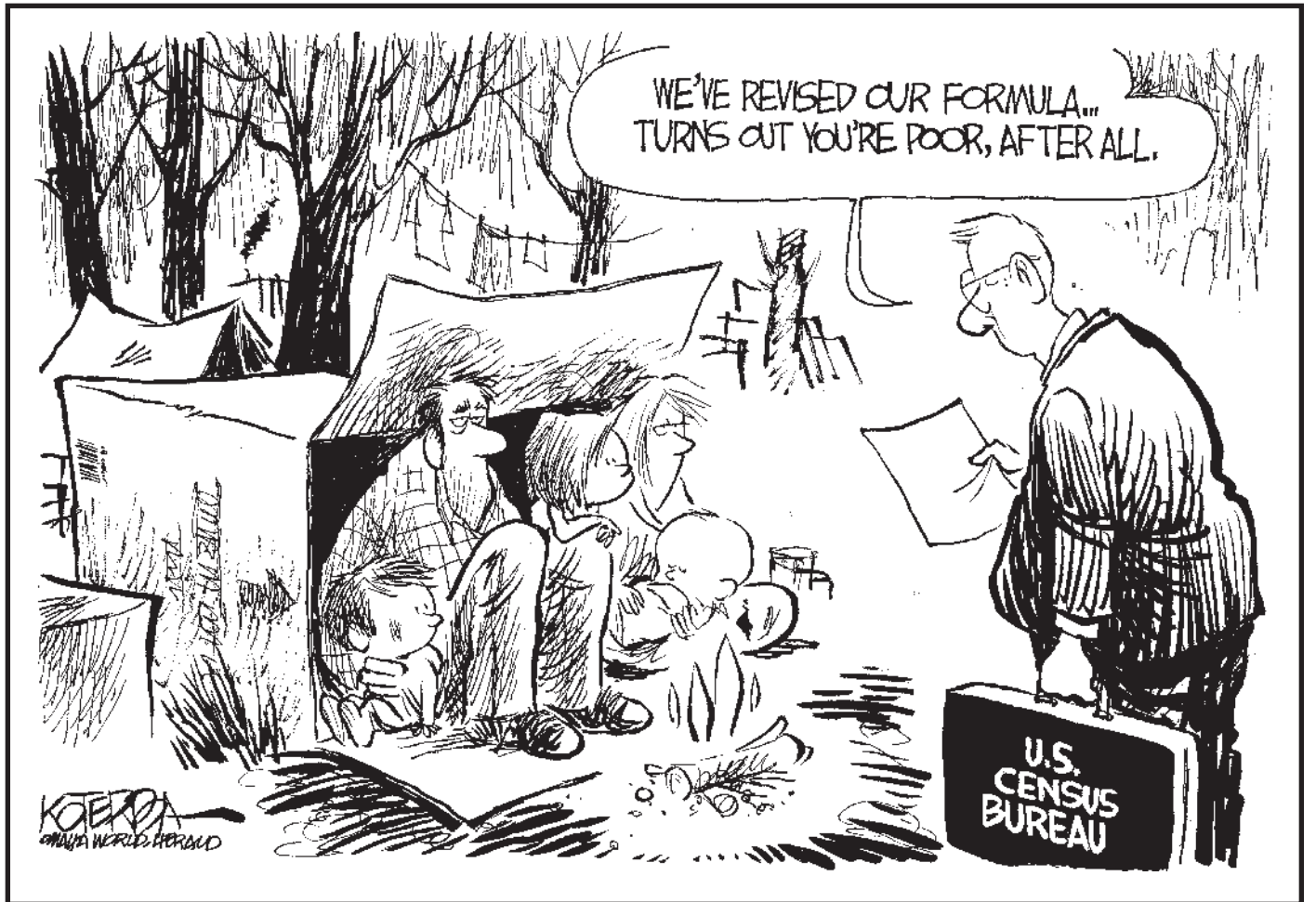
1) Think about the unique challenges paralyzed veterans face every day. Imagine a world with barriers, a world as experienced from a wheelchair.

2) Reach out to veterans and their families. This means more than you might imagine.

3) Pay It Forward for veterans—and if you are an employer, this means creating more jobs and hiring more veterans.

Now that would be a really powerful way to say thanks to all those who have worn the uniform.

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The GOP implosion

There was a GOP “change of command” last weekend at the Garapan Central Park. It’s basically the passing of the baton between two exhausted, if not washed out, politicians: Juan N. Babauta and Benigno R. Fitial. It was quietly hailed as a solidarity gathering. But it seems, judging from reactions from incumbent Republicans, it’s more of an implosion.

Thus, the silent agenda and meeting of the “we few” backfired and out the window goes political realignment and solidarity. The goal of unity turns out to be more problematic. It is now the very source of disunity. Incumbents would fight back to secure the integrity of their party. Either that or they’d bolt with their integrity intact. They’re not ready for a willful ruination of the GOP’s foundation by a smiling titular head whose forte seems to be search-and-destroy.

Metaphorically, when Fitial exited the Covenant Party, his big splash into the GOP swimming pool emptied every ounce of water in it. So he’s swimming in an empty pool, yelling that the rest join him do the backstroke. It didn’t draw much accolade other than a quiet mockery from GOP and Covenant followers. Asked a friend, “Can two failures make a success?”

An incumbent asked what’s the motive? Simple: It’s the perpetuation of the role of tired leadership guarding their turf before it melts into total irrelevancy. Definitely they wish to continue telling us what to do, convinced we would still ask how high do we jump. *No mas!* Too, the electorate is a lot more sophisticated than meets the eye of irrelevant politicians.

The shift is aimed at expanding the GOP through the grassroots in the villages. It’s a woefully tall order when mirrored against the performance of this administration on the economic front. Everything has skyrocketed while income remains flat or reduced, not to mention joblessness ballooning daily. This could easily trigger major reduction in force. In short, most families are literally struggling to make ends meet. No more time to listen to worn-out politicians regurgitating the failed promise of “better times.”

Incumbents like Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero remains a shoo-in in the next midterm election, having demonstrated sure-footed disposition on issues of substance. He’s level-headed, analytical, and definitely a man of integrity. I respect people who think through issues, listen to their people and work issues out from there. Other incumbents are formidable folks too and would return without GOP blessing. So the change of command netted dispersion of the troops. Unity?

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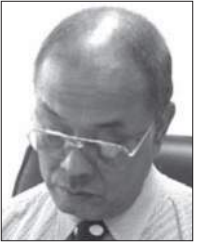
Investments from nearby Asia

Once rock solid foreign investments here is history! It has been flushed out the floodgates by several billion dollars. We look around dazed at our failure to nurture them into permanent partnership. You wonder if there’s anything else out in the horizon or is it all history now. Investments matter to me, fully wary that it’s our lifeline to fostering a healthy economy. Here’s what I’ve found that isn’t necessarily encouraging:

As mentioned earlier, Japan focuses on investments near and in the Republic of China. She has investments elsewhere but the China

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market now takes her lead interest.

China has something else up it sleeves. The dominant feature of her outward investments was a rush to South America, particularly Brazil where her main interest is in energy and power sectors. She’s also purchased huge timberland for harvesting to meet her needs and demands in international markets.

Japan has her own issues with health and pension funds for her fast aging population. In the end, she would have to resolve it to avert paying more on these two items over what it rakes in.

Obamacare has been scrapped after a provision that says the secretary of health should implement it if he or she could guarantee that it would stay solvent for the next 75 years. Nah, it would kick up health care cost by the billions of dollars. Quite a tall order!

Then there’s the projected slow economic growth of the global economy. It would concurrently drag investments for peripheral or out-of-the-way venues like the CNMI into no man’s land. So how do we rebuild the burned bridge of investments? Does it matter to you?

Now, any investor eyeing the Northern Islands would definitely watch how the local government handles emplacement of basic infrastructure between Sariguan, Alamagan, Pagan and Agrighan. All need airport and seaport facilities, water, power, roads, schools, health clinics and a ship to move residents in the event of another major volcanic eruption.

It would require several billion dollars on basic infrastructure or CIP funds for up north. How do we meet this financial obligation? It remains to be seen and for now the notion of providing sufficient energy to all of Micronesia with geothermal energy from the Northern Islands turns into a wonderful pipe dream too.

Resettlement of the islands up north would be a costly venture. The local government—through DPL—must survey and conduct topography maps, emplace water, power, roads and other collateral facilities. It also includes the establishment of a health clinic, schools, and an emergency ship (available 24/7) to move residents out of harm’s way when the two southern volcanoes on Pagan erupt.

Then there’s the obvious need for regular shipping services to the island to ferry food and supplies. It can be done but it takes money and tons of it to do it right from the outset. But mirrored against the loss of tons of revenues in recent past, this too becomes a wonderful pipe dream. Sing it, “let it be, let it be, whisper words of...let it be.”

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Tastes like chicken

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There's a lot of worry arriving on the economic express. I'm going to boil that down to the job context, specifically for the youngsters. The cool thing here is that I have no advice to give. So what can I do? Well, I do have an idea.

But let's set the table first. A dozen years after fumbling away its only innately viable industry, package tourism, the Commonwealth is finally coming to grips with economic scarcity. Of course, the results of the problem are being faced with the same mentality that caused the problem to begin with. Namely, emotionalism. So there is more pain on the way.

I'm not trying to talk the CNMI out of its emotional approach to economics. But the jobless youth, well, they're hosed by a situation not of their own making. That's just the beginning, not the end, of the dynamic, because of the various constraints the Commonwealth faces.

For example, geography. When I was a teenager the place we lived in was unpromising. So we loaded up the car and drove 2,000 miles to a place that was better. That was one happy road trip. But it's not a trip you can take on Saipan.

The airport still operates. Well, usually. But, with the exception of Guam, any viable job market you can fly to is a distant or foreign proposition. So where could a kid fresh out of school go?

The mainland, of course. But jobs are hard to find these days.

Unskilled work for a new entrant to the job market? Get in line. So the revenue side of things is sort of dicey.

And on the expense side of things it takes a pretty large grubstake to get started in the U.S. If you add up airfare, rent, security deposit, car, car insurance, and some contingency cash, you could easily allocate \$10,000 to make a run of it. If you don't like that number, pick your own. Whatever you pick, I'll stick to my point that many families in the Commonwealth don't have enough cash to send a kid to the mainland to roll the job dice.

Faced with this situation a lot of people are starting to cast about for career advice. But, in my corner, the only such advice I can give is not to take anyone's advice, including mine.

I'm not being coy. I'm being realistic. Everyone's career and life—yours, mine, everyone's—is largely a function of randomness. People don't like randomness. It violates their sense of order and justice. But, well, there it is anyway. So anything that I think I know from my experience is largely derived from random circumstances that will probably be different than someone else's random circumstances.

Here's an example: I know a guy who was a total goof-off in high school, and was chided by everyone when he took a job washing cars at a dealer instead of going to the local junior college. Based on a series of random events, he wound up becoming a top mechanic at that dealer, not just any dealer, by the way, but a Mercedes dealer. From his job and his side jobs, he eventually topped out at \$110,000 a year a decade ago. So he started his own garage. It has nine service bays and is always busy. You'd have to be a successful surgeon to make the kind of coin this guy probably pulls in now. He's not smug about things, but he told me he's glad that he ignored all the advice he was offered in high school.

Meanwhile, and this applies more in the mainland than Saipan, there is a vast population of chronic advice-seekers. Visit any American city and you'll notice them, ranging from lonely souls browsing the self-help areas of bookstores to seekers of help from various pundits on radio stations. It's a huge industry. I'll take a guess here, and offer that the demise of the family structure has resulted in a lot of adults craving the wisdom of elders

who aren't in the picture for them. And above all else, people want to be told that things will be OK and that they are adequate. Fair enough, but, well, no comment.

As for the "idea" I promised, here it is: I will try to write about two books that, for me, seemed useful in the career realm. Both are "old school," not new snake oil.

Meanwhile, yes, the worry express is on the way. In fact, it ran over the happy-slogan unicorn a mile ago. So I guess I better get cranking on my write-up about those two books because I see the vultures circling overhead.

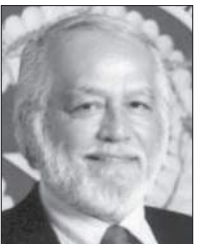
Vultures like unicorn. Tastes like chicken.

2PSCom? No. 4

By **STANLEY T. MCGINNIS TORRES**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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So how much is this research process likely to cost? Will a bunch of commissioners get rich off this deal? How will we know what is going on with this group as they work?

Within one month of beginning operations, the newly appointed members of the Second Political and Economic Status Commission must bring a proposed budget to the Legislature. The Legislature will apportion funds as available and/or try to work with the central government's administration to co-fund the commission's work. Some \$50,000 can be advanced to the commission but the required budget must detail any use of these funds or any other requested funds seen as necessary to carry out the defined purposes of the group. All funding goes through the fully audited Finance Department, which will open a special account for the purpose so no monies are mingled with the general fund. All the commission's spending must be audited by the public auditor when the commission is dissolved and a report made available within 90 days.

Public servants (elected officials) and CNMI government employees that serve on the commission will not receive pay at all. Others are to be paid per 1 CMC section 8247 (a), which means they can receive up to \$60 for a full day's meeting or up to \$30 for a half day. They can be paid less if the commission decides so. In no case can anybody get paid more than \$6,000 and even that much seems unlikely as they would have to meet 100 times in the year or so they are in operation. Commission members' legitimate "extraordinary" expenses can be reimbursed if they get full commission approval and if they provide complete receipts. Travel should be limited with members from Tinian and Rota using televideo communications methods to attend meetings. Any actual travel can only be paid at prevailing Executive Branch rates and with commission approval. To be paid at all, the meeting must be open to the public and must have its minutes fully transcribed.

Speaking of open to the public, all public meetings are to be announced by local newspaper at least a week in advance so the public can attend and participate. All minutes and other documents are to be kept in the official Archives. Executive sessions can be held but minutes and documents even for those can be obtained via Open Government Act. All records can be made available to the public. A written record of any and all meetings must be kept.

When voting, a simple majority at a duly noticed meeting is necessary to carry a vote. A quorum is a majority of the members, meaning six members must be present to hold a vote or make a decision binding on the group.

With the possibility of improved revenues of millions, even hundreds of millions coming into the Northern Marianas over time as a result of potential renegotiations or a change in political or economic status, spending \$50,000 (or even more) seems a more than reasonable research fee. Hey, it beats Uncle Sam spending \$5 million bucks on studying the sex life of a frog.

In next week's article, we will see exactly what duties and responsibilities the commission has to fulfill while in session, what the final results are to be, and what the Final Report is to contain. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments about this week's article. 664-8903 or rep.torress@cnmileg.gov.mp.

Letters to the Editor

More time please: Part 3

An open letter to all foreign workers in the CNMI: Firstly, the purpose of the seven individual in filing the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court of the Northern Marianas is for the court to issue a *declaratory judgment* in relation to the final regulations. Why?

The stated purpose of the CNRA is to ensure effective border control procedures, to properly address national security and homeland security concerns by extending U.S. immigration law to the CNMI. Foreign workers in the CNMI did not cross the border illegally, therefore all legal and documented foreign workers were processed and approved by CNMI local immigrations laws and were gainfully employed upon entry into U.S. soil. The CNRA intention in phasing out the CNMI's nonresident contract worker program is to minimize to the greatest extent practicable the potential adverse economic and fiscal effects of that phase-out, to maximize the CNMI's potential for future economic and business growth, and to assure worker protections from potential abuse and exploitation.

Today, because of the final regulation's very limited timeframe for its intended implementation date (less than 60 days) and the fees in filing petition, businesses suffer financial burden and capability. Some establishments are closing down due to lack of resources, or employers are streamlining the number of their employees because they cannot afford to pay the fees at one time within the very limited time in filing petitions. These impacts are in violation of the intent of PL 110-229.

The lawsuit that was filed by seven individuals urges the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands to declare the final rule unconstitutional, that it deprives foreign workers of due process and the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution and other laws. The final rule will damage foreign workers' likelihood of success and will create irreparable injury like inflating or deflating advertised job vacancy announcements, professional foreign workers being degraded of their true qualifications, profession, abilities and skills just to make sure that the financial capability of the employer is enough to pay for the petition fees. It will also reduce the capability of foreign workers to shoulder their hardship due to mental depression brought on by the final rule.

Secondly, the purpose in filing lawsuit is for the court to grant an

injunction relief in relation to the final rule's implementation. Why?

The seven individuals who filed the lawsuit is requesting the Honorable Judge to grant some kind of relief like *extending* the implementation of the final rule for one year or up to 18 months to enable foreign workers to find jobs. It seeks to ask the court to suspend the implementation of the final rule so that it will leave the door open even after Nov. 27, 2011, so that foreign workers who can find employers after Nov. 27, 2011, can still file a CW or H visa petition. This is to give foreign workers breathing space and avoid mental anguish and depression due to very limited time of the final date allowed by the final rule, to give a chance to employers who can find a new contract or expand their business even after Nov. 27, 2011, so they can still file petitions for prospective nonresident employees if no U.S. citizens are available for certain positions.

Finally, the final rule calendar date, if implemented, will *close its door* to CW or H visa applicants after Nov. 27, 2011, and those who will be out of status will start to accumulate days as deportable aliens. While it is true that due process applies prior to deportation, hiring a lawyers to defend you in your deportation cases in court is time-consuming and expensive. Foreign workers must support the petitioner's lawsuit with facts and prayers if they want to be not out of status because the intention of the lawsuit is to stop or extend the final date of implementation of the final rule. Support the lawsuit or be out of status, which do you prefer? Stand up and support the seven individuals who filed the lawsuit or wait for the final rule's date of implementation to close the door and seek immigration lawyers to come to the island and defend you from being a deportable alien.






To all foreign workers, this is the time for us to come out in the open and support the lawsuit. We might have differences in belief, status, or approach in dealing with the issue, but our common goal is for us to stay with legal status. The lawsuit covers all foreign workers, especially those without employer for now, and particularly those who have no U.S. citizen children and foreign workers who are within the four groups of people covered by HB 1466. Who knows, if the plaintiff's extension request is granted, HB-1466 might pass between now and in the next months. This will protect you from being out of status and from leaving the island you call home.

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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers becoming isolated showers after midnight.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers becoming isolated showers after midnight.
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Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼75
Yap	Showers	▲89 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲86 ▼76
Pohnpei	Showers	▲84 ▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲84 ▼74
Majuro	Showers	▲84 ▼78

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼55
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼41
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲75 ▼69
Honolulu	Showers	▲85 ▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲60 ▼54
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲75 ▼51
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼80
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼55
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼60
New York	Showers	▲64 ▼41
Osaka	Rain	▲63 ▼58
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲61 ▼48
Pusan	Showers	▲68 ▼57
Rome	Sunny	▲71 ▼48
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲60 ▼36
San Francisco	Sunny	▲69 ▼52
Seoul	Showers	▲62 ▼51
Tokyo	Rain	▲61 ▼58
Washington, DC	Showers	▲54 ▼39

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
1:47 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
8:36 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
2:08 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
7:02 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough stretches eastward from 6N130E to a weak circulation southwest of Chuuk near 6N149E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Yap are within 75 miles of a line from 11N136E to 10N140E and south of Koror and Chuuk to the south of a line from 5N130E to 6N140E to 5N152E. A surface trough runs from near Pohnpei at 7N155E to northeast of Kwajalein at 11N171E. Clusters of showers and a few thunderstorms across eastern Micronesia are between 5N and 15N from 160E to 180. An upper-level trough near Wake Island is causing cloudiness along with widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 150 miles of a line from 18N168E to 28N180.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:17 AM	5:45 PM	Today	5:58 PM	6:20 AM
Saturday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM	Saturday	6:45 PM	7:11 AM
Sunday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM	Sunday	7:35 PM	8:02 AM
Monday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM	Monday	8:27 PM	8:53 AM
Tuesday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM	Tuesday	9:20 PM	9:42 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2011					
DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)		
C05062	2:20am	2:50am 1, 5	C05064	5:30am	6:00am 1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)		
C05064	4:25am	5:00am 1, 5	C05062	3:20am	3:55am 1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN		
C05070	4:25am	5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	C05062	2:20am	3:55am 1, 5 via ROP
C05064	4:25am	6:00am 1, 5 via ROP	C05069	2:45am	3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K384	7:20am	8:10am 2, 6	5K387	6:30am	7:20am 1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05068	7:55am	8:45am 3, 6	C05071	6:35am	7:25am 3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C05071	7:00am	7:50am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7	C05073	10:05am	10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm 3, 4, 7	C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm Daily
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm Daily	5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm 2, 6
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm 1, 5	C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm Daily
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm Daily			
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN		
5K212	8:20am	10:55am 4, 7	5K213	11:55am	4:25pm 4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:45am Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
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			C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1 1, 5 via GUM
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
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Omengkar leads Tinian Elementary School's outstanding employees

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Mariana Omengkar, a longtime employee of the CNMI Public School System, has been hailed as Tinian Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

Omengkar is a 39-year-old mother of four and has been serving the Tinian Elementary for 19 years now. She began as a teacher aide in 1991 and obtained her elementary education degree in 2003, rising through the ranks to become a classroom teacher.

She said it took her more than seven years to complete her degree at the Northern Marianas College since the NMC instructional site on Tinian did not offer all the classes she needed for her course. That meant a lot of commute time between Tinian and Saipan.

"I was a regular passenger at the ferry during that time because I had to commute

back and forth—almost every day—so I can be in the classroom the next day," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Omengkar was first hailed as the school's Teacher Aide of the Year in the early 2000s and her award this year is her first as the school's most outstanding teacher. She dedicated the honor to her children who inspired her to pursue education. "If you want to push your children to get an education, you have to be their role model."

Omengkar is a first grade teacher and attends to 16 students every day.

"I never get bored when I am with my students. Working with young kids every day is always full of fun and adventures. Yes, there are a lot of challenges... but I am taking these challenges one at a time."

Named Teacher Aide of the Year is Nida Dosalua, who has been with the school's special education program since 2000.



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Tinian Elementary School's most outstanding employees gather for a group picture with their school administrators. From left are Maintenance of the Year Rodel Manlulu, Administrative Support Staff of the Year Julita Diaz, school principal Dionne Santos, Teacher of the Year Mariana Omengkar, Teacher Aide of the Year Nida Dosalua, vice principal Lou Connie Manglona, and Support Staff of the Year for pupil transportation category, Victor Linan.

This is her second time to be honored in the 11 years she has been with the school. The first one was in 2007. Every day,

she handles two students with special needs. Dosalua has six children herself whom she described as her "inspirations."

Julita Diaz was adjudged as the school's Administrative Support Staff of the Year. She has been serving Tinian students

since 2004 as the school's custodian. Diaz was first hailed as the school's Support Staff of the Year in 2002.

Also named Support Staff of the Year for the pupil transportation category was Victor Linan, who has been working for the Tinian school since 2002. He started as a building maintenance staff until he became the school bus driver. Every day, Linan transports over 200 students to and from the school. This is his third award from the school.

Rodel Manlulu was adjudged as the school's Maintenance Staff of the Year. He has been working for PSS since 1991. In the last two decades, he has served the school in various capacities: custodian, maintenance, driver, until being named the transportation and maintenance supervisor. Manlulu has already been recognized six times: in 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2010, and 2011.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Jury cancellation

This is to inform all prospective jurors for panels "VS" that the jury selections scheduled for Nov. 14, 2011, at 8:30am in courtroom 205A are hereby cancelled until further notice. For more information, contact jury coordinator Dora SN. Decena or deputy clerk Goerge Lisua at 236-9765. **(PR)**

Public library closed on Nov. 11

The Joeten Kiyu Public Library will be closed on this day on Nov. 11, 2011, in observance of Veterans Day. **(PR)**

Air Force, Navy training on FDM, Warning Area 517

SANTA RITA, Guam—The

U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on the following dates and times:

■ Nov. 14-17, from 7:30am to 5pm

■ Nov. 18, from 7:30am to 5pm

The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) Nov. 15, from 8am to

4pm.

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile ra-

dus on all quadrants. **(PR)**

Brilliant Star, Whispering Palms to host annual yard sale

Brilliant Star Montessori School and Whispering Palms School are teaming up once more for the Annual Yard Sale on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 8am to noon at the Whispering

Palms School next to Navy Hill baseball field.

The event will be a good venue to buy used books, toys, electronics, furniture, clothes, shoes, baby gear, and other items for sale, all of which are donated by students and parents from both schools. Pastries and coffee will also be on sale at the event. **(ST)**

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial shares a moment with Charles Calvo shortly after Calvo was sworn in as the newest member of the Civil Service Commission. Fitial expressed confidence that Calvo will be an asset to the commission.

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CNMI braces for climate change through heightened awareness

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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 REPORTER

Rising seawater levels and changes in patterns of certain local fish species are being noted as the CNMI braces for the impact of climate change.

Aquatic education specialist Richard B. Seman of the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife said yesterday that they have been closely monitoring these changes that have come up through observation

made by staff and local fishermen themselves.

"With regards to the fisheries, right now we can say that the beginning of these changes is starting. The impact has not yet been realized because it hasn't happened yet. But if the trend continues, then further down the line, it may begin to impact," Seman told *Saipan Tribune*.

Seman said that changes in seawater levels serve as indicators that climate change is impacting an island nation such as the CNMI.

According to Seman, current seawater level in the last 10 years has been observed as "a little bit higher" than what the Commonwealth has been accustomed to. Any changes in these water levels, he said, would affect fish species since water level increase could mean altering their habitat and affect the amount of sunlight they receive.

Seman also disclosed that local fishermen have observed that seasonal runs of certain fish species such as *atulai* are now "very inconsistent," unlike in the past.

While no scientific research studying these changes has been conducted, Seman said these local fishermen have known the CNMI waters and its inhabitants through years of personal observation.

"When it comes to nature, we don't know these things unless we pay attention," he said. "These people out there are the ones that observe these things on a daily basis."

With the threat of climate change inching its way to the Commonwealth, Seman said their agency is reinforcing its efforts to bring educational awareness to the community through various presentations and outreach activities.

Seman said they have been going around public and private schools to educate the students about CNMI's marine resources. They also have a regular radio talk show, Fish Wednesday, which airs on KKMP on Wednesdays at 10am and 7pm.

He encouraged community members to participate in efforts to prevent the impact of climate change in the community in their own way. These include the use of emission-efficient engines when fishing, switching to alternative energy, and use of sustainable fishing techniques such as catching the right size of fish.

Seman emphasized the need to safeguard coral reefs. "Let's protect our fish habitat," he said.

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Birthday greetings go out to Jesus Marino N. Pua, shown here with his dad, Norbert M. Pua, who is celebrating his birthday today, Nov. 11, 2011. Wishing you a birthday filled with lots of fun and joy. God bless! Greetings coming from your Dad, mom, loving sisters and especially from all your families.

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Happy fifth birthday to Maria Issabella "Lia" Camacho! May God continue to bless you abundantly. We love you endlessly! Greetings come from your family.

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Debbie, who is celebrating her special day today, Nov. 11, 2011! We love you so much! Greetings come from your loving husband Jon and son DJ Ong.

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Happy 11/11/11 Harley Ngewak! Wishing you the best birthday today and many more beautiful man-kirl to come. Love you always! Greetings coming out from the landlord and friends.

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Sandy Beach Homes for families, friends, singles

Sandy Beach Homes, Saipan's newest housing community, welcomes households of families, friends and singles to apply for the affordable housing, which will be ready for occupancy starting January 1, 2012.

The 60-unit housing community is within close proximity of the island's business and tourism districts and is made possible through a housing developer's federal tax credit.

Open floor plans and balconies overlooking the western lagoon add to the esthetic appeal of the homes. In addition, energy conservation features will help residents minimize their utility costs. Sandy Beach

Homes is able to offer affordable rental units below market rate under a federal affordable housing program administered by Northern Marianas Housing Corp.

"We want to clarify that Sandy Beach households can be comprised of families, groups of friends or co-workers, and individuals," said

Bob Jones, Managing Partner of Sandy Beach Homes. "We're pleased to welcome all interested applicants to visit our leasing office and find out if they are eligible to take advantage of the premier housing provided by Sandy Beach."

To qualify, applicants need to meet income limits established

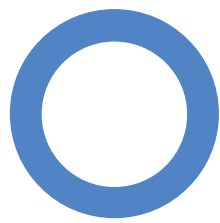
by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development guidelines. For example, a four-person household must have, in general, an income of not more than \$35,760 a year. While U.S. citizenship is not required, applicants should be legally residing in the CNMI. Other eligibility requirements also apply.

The new housing community is on San Isidro Avenue and now has a model unit open in Apartment 210 for tours. All 60 units will be move-in ready on Jan. 1, 2012. Open house and leasing office hours are 9:30am – 5:30pm. Monday through Friday, and 8am to 12pm on Saturday.

Applications, a list of required documents, and details about the homes can be found at www.sandybeachhomes.net or at model unit. For more information, e-mail the leasing office at leasing@sandybeachhomes.net or call 670.235.7263 (SAND). (PR)



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Toyota recalls 550,000 cars for steering issue

TOKYO (AP)—Toyota Motor Corp. said Wednesday it is recalling about 550,000 vehicles worldwide—mostly in the United States—for problems that could make it harder to steer.

The recall affects 447,000 vehicles in North America, as well as 38,000 in Japan and another 25,000 in Australia and New Zealand, said Toyota spokesman Dion Corbett. In Europe some 14,000 vehicles are being recalled along with 10,000 in the Middle East and 14,000 in Asia outside Japan.

Toyota has received a total of 79 reports about the defect dating back to 2007, said Corbett. There have been no reports of accidents or injuries related to the problems, he said.

Toyota's reputation has taken a hit over the last two years due to a string of huge recalls that have ballooned to 14 million vehicles over that time, including millions recalled last year for acceleration problems. It faces damage lawsuits and lingering doubts in the U.S. about whether it had been transparent enough about the recall woes.

Japan's largest automaker has been trying to communicate better with customers and empower regional operations outside Japan to make safety decisions.

The news comes a day after Toyota said its July-September profit slid 18.5 percent to 80.4 billion yen (\$1 billion) on plunging sales caused by parts shortages from the tsunami disaster

in northeastern Japan.

It now faces such uncertainties from flooding in Thailand, where it has many suppliers and three assembly plants, that it declined to release an earnings forecast for the full year through March.

The latest recall is due to the possibility that the outer ring of the engine's crankshaft pulley may become misaligned with the inner ring, causing noise or a warning signal to light up, the company's U.S. sales unit said in a press release. If the problem isn't corrected, the belt for the power steering pump may become detached from the pulley, making it suddenly more difficult to turn the steering wheel.

In the United States, the automaker is recalling 283,200 Toyota

brand cars, including the 2004 and 2005 Camry, Highlander, Sienna

and Solara, the 2004 Avalon and the 2006 Highlander HV. Its recall of 137,000 Lexus vehicles includes the 2004 and 2005 ES330 and RX330 and 2006 RX400h.

Those affected elsewhere include certain models of the Alphard, Highlander, Highlander hybrid and some Lexus models, Corbett said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Italian president tries to calm anxious markets

ROME (AP)—With markets tumbling around the globe, Italy's president promised emphatically Wednesday that Silvio Berlusconi will step down soon as premier and lavished honors on a leading economist, who instantly became Berlusconi's presumed successor. Across the Ionian Sea, the debt crisis in Greece deepened with the breakdown of talks aimed at creating a power-sharing government to prevent the country from slipping into bankruptcy. The collapse came just minutes after the prime minister delivered a farewell speech to the nation. The chaos reverberated around the world, and investors pulled money out of Europe.

Dow sinks 389 as Europe uncertainty deepens

NEW YORK (AP)—Trouble on two fronts in the European debt crisis sent American stocks tumbling Wednesday to their biggest loss since the rocky trading of last summer. The

Dow Jones industrial average fell almost 400 points. Stocks were down from the opening bell after borrowing costs in Italy spiked to dangerous levels, a sign that investors are losing faith in Italy's ability to repay its national debt. The Italian economy is more than six times larger than that of Greece, which so far has been the center of the continent's debt problem. American investors are worried that the consequences from Europe could include a freeze in lending, the disintegration of the euro currency or a bruising recession that would hurt the U.S.

Oil prices drop as European debt worries mount

NEW YORK (AP)—Oil prices were lower on Wednesday following a broad sell-off on Wall Street that was stoked by fears that Europe would be overwhelmed by a mountain of debt. Benchmark crude fell \$1.06 to end the day at \$95.74 per barrel in New York, while Brent crude lost \$2.69 to finish at \$112.31 in London. In the U.S. motor-

ists are paying record prices for gasoline this year. At \$3.43 per gallon, the national average on Wednesday is 55.5 cents less than the peak price of almost \$4 a gallon in May. But pump prices now are still 79 cents higher than they were last year.

US to expand tests for faster trips past security

WASHINGTON (AP)—Transportation Security Administrator John Pistole says testing for a new program aimed at getting some travelers through airport security with less hassle will expand to airports in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., in the next few months. This expansion will affect people who travel through these airports and participate in American and Delta airlines' frequent flier programs as well as those who are part of three other government-trusted traveler programs. These travelers are eligible to volunteer more personal information about themselves so they can be vetted before they arrive at airport checkpoints.

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Nation

Penn State trustees fire coach Paterno and Spanier

By GENARO C. ARMAS
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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)—Penn State football coach Joe Paterno and school president Graham Spanier were fired Wednesday night by the board of trustees amid the growing furor over how the school handled child sex abuse allegations against an assistant coach.

Paterno, the winningest coach in major college football, was ousted at the end of day that began

with his announcement to retire at end of the season, his 46th.

It was not to be.

"The university is much larger than its athletic teams," board vice chair John Surma said during a packed news conference.

Paterno and Spanier were informed by telephone of the unanimous decisions to remove them.

"We were unable to find a way to do that in person without causing further distraction," Surma said.

Defensive coordinator Tom

Bradley will serve as interim coach while Rodney Erickson will be the interim school president.

"The Penn State board of trustees tonight decided it is in the best interest of the university to have

a change in leadership to deal with the difficult issues that we are facing," Surma said.

"The past several days have been absolutely terrible for



Paterno

the entire Penn State community. But the outrage that we feel is nothing compared to the physical and psychological suffering that allegedly took place."

Asked what Paterno did wrong, Surma said: "I can't characterize that. We thought because of the difficulties that have engulfed our

university, it was necessary to make changes."

Speaking outside his home, Paterno said: "Right now, I'm not the football coach. And I've got to get used to that. After 61 years, I've got to get used to it. I appreciate it. Let me think it through."

His wife, Sue, was teary-eyed as she blew kisses to about 100 students on the lawn. "You're all so sweet. And I guess we have to go beat Nebraska with-

out being there. We love you all. Go Penn State," she said.

Paterno said in a statement earlier Wednesday that he was "absolutely devastated" by the abuse case, in which his former assistant and onetime heir apparent, Jerry Sandusky, has been charged with molesting eight boys over 15 years, with some of the alleged assaults taking place at the Penn State football complex.

GOP candidates: Fix US economy or fail like Europe

ROCHESTER, Mich. (AP)—Republican presidential rivals agreed Wednesday night that Europe's countries should rise or fall on their own without any American bailout and warned that failing to cut budget deficits at home would doom the U.S. to the same sort of crisis that now plagues Greece and Italy.

Though sexual harassment allegations facing Herman Cain have dominated the GOP campaign for more than a week, the debate in economically ailing Michigan focused almost entirely on financial worries and proposed solutions in the U.S.

"Europe is able to take care of their own problems. We don't want to step in and bail out their banks and their economies,"

former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said as he and GOP rivals met for the first time in three weeks in campaign debate.

Even so, he said the United States should continue contributing to organizations like the International Monetary Fund that are working to prevent a meltdown in troubled economies overseas.

Rep. Ron Paul of Texas was more emphatic about Europe's debt. "You have to let it liquidate. We took 40 years to build up this worldwide debt," he added.

Cain said there wasn't much the United States could do to directly help Italy at present because the economy there is in such difficult shape. "We need

to focus on the economy or we will fail," he said, referring to the U.S. and calling for spending cuts, a strong dollar and measures to stimulate growth.

The Cain accusations did come up, though briefly.

The debate marked the first time the Republican rivals had gathered since complaints emerged from several women accusing Cain of sexual harassment, allegations that the unlikely front-runner in the polls has strongly denied.

"The American people deserve better than someone being tried in the court of public opinion due to unfounded accusations," he said when the question came up early in the debate.

AP Exclusive: Cain accuser complained in next job

WASHINGTON (AP)—Three years after Karen Kraushaar settled her sexual harassment complaint against Herman Cain and quit the trade association where they worked, she filed another complaint at her new job. She argued that supervisors there unfairly denied her request to work from home after a car accident and accused

one of them of circulating a sexually oriented email, The Associated Press has learned.

Kraushaar, 55, says she later dropped the complaint that she filed while working as a spokeswoman at the Immigration and Naturalization Service

in late 2002 or early 2003 and left the agency to take a job at the Treasury Department. She says she considered the immigration service complaint "relatively minor."

But three former supervisors say the allegations, which did not include a sexual harassment claim, were investigated and treated seriously. Two former supervisors say she initially demanded a settlement of thousands of dollars, a promotion on the federal pay scale, reinstated leave time and a one-year fellowship to Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. The promotion itself would have increased her annual salary between \$12,000

and \$16,000, according to salary tables in 2002 from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Details of the second complaint come as Kraushaar says she will provide specifics about the allegations she made against Cain, the GOP businessman now running for president who led the National Restaurant Association when she worked there. She is reaching out to three other Cain accusers, suggesting they can schedule a joint news conference to rebut Cain's insistence that he has never sexually harassed anyone.

Cain's campaign said news of Kraushaar's complaint at the immigration service and details about another accuser's financial problems were "interesting revelations."



Kraushaar



TANKER EXPLOSION

A tanker explodes after being hit by another truck on westbound Interstate 10 near Chandler Boulevard on the Chandler-Ahwatukee, Ariz. border on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011. Authorities in Phoenix say a milk truck driver was killed when he rear-ended another tanker truck hauling fuel, sparking a huge fire that snarled rush hour traffic for hours. Police in the city of Chandler and state police ordered the evacuations of at least two hotels and businesses alongside I-10, Department of Public Safety spokesman Bart Graves said.

Missouri woman found fused to recliner in home

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—A suburban Kansas City woman was left sitting in a vinyl recliner for so long that her skin had fused to the chair and she had to be pried out to be taken to a hospital after suffering an apparent stroke, authorities said.

Carol F. Brown's adult son told a state official he had left his 74-year-old mother in the chair for five days without helping her get up to use the bathroom or bathe because he was honoring her wishes to die in her Independence home, according to court documents that described the woman as a "rotting corpse that was still breathing." Brown later died.

"It is an incredible story to me," Independence police

spokesman Tom Gentry said Wednesday.

Police were contacted after Brown was taken to a hospital Oct. 27 and found to have a maggot infestation inside an open wound around her ankle, according to the court documents that said Brown's home was "filthy with a heavy smell of bodily fluids and feces."

Brown's son, James Owens, told an official with the Missouri Division of Senior and Disability Services that his mother had been in the chair since Oct. 23 and that he was honoring her wishes to be left to die, the documents said.

Owens, who the documents said had started the application process to gain state aid to be

his mother's caretaker, said he did give the woman tomato and chicken noodle soup.

No working telephone listing for a James Owens could be found Wednesday and a number listed under Brown's name rang unanswered.

Police who searched Brown's home took prescription drug bottles and pills, a section of the recliner and a soiled towel, court records show.

Jackson County prosecutor's office spokesman Mike Mansur said no decision will be made about possible charges until the medical examiner rules on Brown's cause of death.

"I've heard it could take some time," Mansur said. "I don't yet know how quickly it will come."

ACROSS THE NATION

Police: Mom of missing Wash. boy had gas in car

BELLEVUE, Wash. (AP)—The mother of a missing Washington state toddler didn't run out of gas on the day her son disappeared—a discovery that contradicts what she has previously told investigators, police said Wednesday. Julia Biryukova has told police that her 2-year-old son, Sky Metalwala, vanished Sunday in Bellevue when she left him sleeping alone in her unlocked car after it ran out of gas. She and her 4-year-old daughter walked to get gas, she said, and when

they returned an hour later, the boy was gone. But investigators have found that there was enough gas in the car to run a considerable distance, Bellevue police Maj. Mike Johnson said Wednesday afternoon. Police haven't ruled out some other mechanical problem with the car.

Occupy protesters start march from NYC to DC

NEW YORK (AP)—Flanked by police scooters, about two dozen Occupy Wall Street protesters started a two-week walk from New York to Washing-

ton on Wednesday. The activists left Manhattan's Zuccotti Park, marched past the World Trade Center site and boarded a ferry to New Jersey. The group planned to stay overnight at a private home in Elizabeth, N.J., and resume their walk on Thursday morning. They plan to walk through Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland and arrive in Washington by Nov. 23—the deadline for a congressional committee to decide whether to keep President Barack Obama's extension of Bush-era tax cuts. Protesters say the cuts benefit only rich Americans.



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World

Turkey: Earthquake kills at least 3, dozens trapped

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—An earthquake struck eastern Turkey on Wednesday night, killing at least three people and leaving dozens trapped in the rubble of toppled buildings damaged in the previous temblor, which had killed 600 people.

About 20 buildings collapsed in the provincial capital of Van following a 5.7-magnitude quake, according to media reports.

In a grim replay of scenes from last month's quake in the same region, men climbed onto piles of debris and frantically clawed at twisted steel and crumbled concrete in an attempt to find survivors.

Voices could be heard calling for help from under the debris, and at least 10 people were pulled alive from the rubble in early rescue efforts, according to Turkish media.

Rescue workers used the glare of high-powered lights to work through the night.

State-run TRT television said at least three bodies were recovered and more than 50 people were believed to be trapped in the rubble of a hotel.

Deputy Prime Minister Besir Atalay said the quake toppled a hotel, a school and a number of mudbrick homes. He said rescue teams are being sent to the

region from the capital, Ankara, and other areas.

Hurriyet newspaper and other media said the quake brought down two hotels and 16 other buildings, most of them structures that had been damaged in the earlier, 7.2-magnitude quake in the province of Van. Workers have been clearing debris from that disaster for more than a week.

Reports said the collapsed hotels were being used by journalists and aid workers involved in recovery efforts following the earlier quake.

Ozgur Gunes, a journalist with Cihan news agency, was staying at the hotel but had just left the

building when the earthquake struck Wednesday night. He said there were journalists working in the lobby at the time.

"There were some small cracks, but we were told that there was no structural damage," he told Sky Turk television.

The Turkish Red Crescent immediately dispatched 15,000 tents and some 300 rescue workers, TRT said. There was no damage in the town of Edremit, the quake's epicenter.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the earthquake measured 5.7.

Turkey's Kandilli seismology center said it struck at 9:23 p.m. (1923 GMT, 2:23 p.m. EST).

Greek talks in limbo as they enter 4th day

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece's laborious power-sharing talks disintegrated into chaos Wednesday, with political leaders failing to name a new prime minister who will take over from George Papandreou and head an interim government, despite three days of negotiations.

The latest setback in more than a week of political turmoil came less than an hour after Papandreou made a televised address to the nation saying Greece's political parties were joining together to save the debt-ridden country from rap-

idly approaching bankruptcy.

The crisis erupted last week, when Papandreou said he would put a hard-fought euro130 billion European debt deal to a referendum—horrific European leaders, battering international markets and sparking a rebellion within his own party, with lawmakers accusing him of endangering Greece's bailout.

Greece has survived since May 2010 on a euro110 billion (\$150 billion) rescue loan package from its eurozone partners and the International Monetary Fund. European leaders agreed

on a second rescue package on Oct. 27 after marathon negotiations, which involves private bondholders who have agreed to cancel 50 percent of the Greek debt they hold as bonds—although details are still to be worked out.

It was this deal that Papandreou wanted to put to a popular vote. But after the vicious reaction his plan was met with—and an opposition party pledge to support the deal—he withdrew the referendum plan and agreed to stand aside, half way through his four-year term. He is to hand

over to an interim government whose main aim will be to secure the next vital euro8 billion installment of Greece's current bailout and approve the debt agreement before February elections.

However, after a historic deal with conservative opposition leader Antonis Samaras Sunday night to form the transition government, negotiations dragged on, missing self-imposed deadline after deadline. Repeated pledges to announce a new prime minister came to nothing despite intense European pressure to quickly resolve the crisis.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippines offers to fly in docs to check Arroyo

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president Wednesday offered to fly in foreign doctors for his predecessor but refused to lift a travel ban against her, expressing concern that she might never return because of corruption complaints. President Benigno Aquino III said his administration will pay for former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to get a bone biopsy in the Philippines. She is fighting the travel ban in the Supreme Court, saying her rights are being violated because she has not been formally charged with a crime. Aquino, who has long accused Arroyo's administration of corruption, told reporters at a televised news conference that allowing her to leave the country would be an unacceptable risk. "In case she chooses not to return, how can we compel her to answer the charges?" he asked.

Russia races to rescue Mars probe from Earth orbit

MOSCOW (AP)—A Russian spacecraft on its way to Mars with 12 tons of toxic fuel is stuck circling the wrong planet: ours. And it could come crashing back to Earth in a couple of weeks if engineers can't coax it back on track. Space experts were hopeful Wednesday that the space probe's silent engines can be fired to send it off to Mars. If not, it will plummet to Earth. But most U.S. space debris experts think the fuel on board would explode harmlessly in the upper atmosphere and never reach the ground. The launch mishap was the latest in a series of recent Russian failures that have raised concerns about the condition of the country's space industries.

7 bodies found on sports field in Mexican village

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Police say the naked bodies of six men and a woman have been found on an outdoor basketball court in northern Mexico. Police say the bodies, which bore signs of violence, were found in a village outside the city of Durango. The victims were residents of the village. Investigators say they haven't yet determined a motive. In Acapulco, police on Wednesday found the decapitated bodies of a man and a woman inside an abandoned taxi. Overall, Mexico's drug war has claimed more than 35,000 lives since President Felipe Calderon launched it in late 2006. Others put the death toll at 40,000.

BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATIONDOCKET 09-1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 10:00 a.m. on Monday November 14, 2011, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission [Commission] will conduct a public hearing and workshop at the Retirement Fund Building Conference Room, Capitol Hill to receive and consider evidence, discussion and public comment on the following regulatory matters concerning Commonwealth Utilities Corporation [CUC]:

- Pursuant to a tariff established by regulatory order on December 19, 2008, the Commission reviews and approves the semi-annual LEAC [levelized energy adjustment clause] rate, which CUC is authorized to charge its electric customers to recover its projected fuel and related expenses during the period. CUC's LEAC rate is separate from its base rates, which are intended to fund its non-fuel operational and capital expenses. By filing dated October 27, 2011, CUC and Georgetown [the Commission's independent regulatory consultant] have recommended that for the period November 18, 2011 through March 31, 2012, the current LEAC rate of \$0.34426 cents per kWh should be reduced to \$0.30265 per kWh [an average 9+/- percent reduction]. On or before October 31, 2011, CUC and Georgetown will file position papers, which will document this recommendation. These filings will be available for public inspection at the office of Georgetown's legal counsel, Mr. Robert Torres, Esq. Plata Drive, Whispering Palms, Saipan, phone number 670-234-7859.
- CUC and Georgetown's further positions with regard to CUC's November 10, 2010 petition for regulatory approval of a proposed fifth change order to CUC's contract with Telesource CNMI, Inc. for operation of CUC's Tinian power generation facilities. At CUC's request during the April 2011 regulatory session, the Commission tabled its consideration of this petition until the present session. Georgetown's January 24, 2011 analysis of this petition, as supplemented on October 31, 2011 is available for public inspection at the law offices of Mr. Robert Torres, Esq.
- The status of CUC's accounts receivables.
- CUC's progress in crafting a net metering tariff and rates for Commission review in accordance with the mandate of 4 CMC § 8634 [Public Law 15-87] and as directed by the Commission's June 7, 2011 Decision.
- Georgetown's progress in crafting a utility rate structure and independent power producer contract standards, as required by 4 CMC § 8625 [Public Law 15-87] and as directed by the Commission's June 7, 2011 Decision.
- CUC's January 31, 2011 independent audit report for FY09 and FY10, including the notes, findings and questioned costs discussed therein.
- The status of: a) House Bill 17-205 regarding the transfer of approval authority for CUC borrowing from lawmakers to the Commission; and b) Georgetown's review of CUC's October 6, 2011 emergency petition for authorization to borrow \$10 million dollars to finance requirements under Federal Stipulated Orders.

THE COMMISSION WELCOMES THE PUBLIC'S ATTENDANCE at its November 14, 2011 public hearing and public comments at the conclusion of the hearing. Persons who desire to formally participate in the hearing pursuant to 4 CMC § 8409(j) [Public Law 15-35] should on or before November 7, 2011 file with the Commission at Mr. Torres' law office an application and offer of proof in accordance with §8409(j) and Commission Procedural Rule 11(c). The Commission will notice and conduct a special business meeting to consider and make decisions regarding matters considered at the public hearing. Further information about the public hearing and the public's right to participate may be obtained from the law offices of Mr. Torres, Esq. at the above address and phone number.



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

This is to inform all Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)-approved Contractors (including Tinian and Rota contractors) that we are currently updating our Approved Contractor Listing for calendar year 2012. In order for NMHC to extend your company's inclusion on our listing for another year, you must submit the documentations listed below. Those companies that are not on our list of approved contractors but wish to be included are likewise encouraged to submit the following:

- Valid CNMI Business License
- Current Financial Statements (certified by the principle executive officer and principle financial officer)
- 2 Years Business Gross Revenue (BGR) Tax Returns
- 2 Years Corporate Income Tax Returns (1120)
- Clearance Letter from the Department of Labor
- Certificate of Compliance from the Revenue & Taxation Office
- Workmen's Compensation Policy
- Name of Insurance Company(ies) Currently Dealing With
- A list of on-going/completed projects showing name of project, start and completion dates, and contract amounts
- At least three (3) reference letters from owners of the completed projects
- List of vendors and suppliers and at least three reference letters from them
- Company background
- Articles of Incorporation & Company By-Laws, if applicable
- Annual Report (Registrar of Corporations)

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS BY DECEMBER 1, 2011 WILL RESULT IN YOUR COMPANY'S ELIMINATION FROM OUR LIST OF "APPROVED CONTRACTORS."

NMHC encourages Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) to participate in this Request for Qualifications and that they will be afforded full opportunity to participate and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, or disability status.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO

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Off The Wall

Maui bull freed after giant tire stuck on his head

HONOLULU (AP)—A rodeo bull in Hawaii appears comfortable again after spending about 20 hours with his head stuck in a giant tire.

The 800-pound bull, named Skywalker, couldn't eat or drink after he got his head lodged in the truck tire that someone dumped at the Triple L Ranch in Maui, ranch owner Paige De Ponte said.

"He was uncomfortable and it took all day to get him out," she said Wednesday.

No one could get near the cranky bull Tuesday until Skywalker became exhausted enough for ranch worker Kawika Manoa to use a piece of wood to pry off the tire, which weighs more than 50 pounds. Skywalker didn't put up a fight and then went straight for the water trough after being released from the rubber ring, De Ponte said.

She didn't know how the tire ended up around Skywalker's neck, but she said she hopes his

plight will raise awareness about using the rural Kanaio area, in the upcountry region of the island, as a dumping ground.

"My message to the public is to please remember that Kanaio is a community where generations have lived and prospered. Our open-range ranch has been here for 50 years and never have we ever seen such an event like this," she said. "I hope Skywalker's unfortunate predicament was more of a godsend at a time



AP
In this photo provided by the Triple L Ranch, Skywalker, a rodeo bull, is shown with a giant tire that was stuck to his head for about 20 hours in Kula, Hawaii Tuesday Nov. 8, 2011.

when we need people to recognize this beautiful place as a treasure and that small farmers such as ourselves depend on the public to respect us and the land more than ever."

The Maui News (<http://bit.ly/uiIwF0>) first reported Skywalker's predicament Wednesday.

The white bull seemed to be fine after the ordeal, De Ponte said, adding that no one has ever been able to stay on him for the full eight seconds during any Maui rodeo. None of the ranch's 17 other bulls has been successfully ridden.

De Ponte's husband, Louis "Bully" De Ponte, was a champion bull-rider. He died in March.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Late for work, officer accused of going 120 mph

MIAMI (AP)—A Miami police officer is accused of driving 120 mph on a turnpike because he was late for his off-duty job working security at a school. The Florida Highway Patrol says officer Fausto Lopez was arrested at gunpoint after leading police on a brief high-speed chase. According to a police report, a trooper spotted a patrol car changing lanes in a dangerous manner earlier this month. The report says the patrol car ignored warnings to pull over and led a brief high-speed chase before stopping near Hollywood. Miami police spokesman Delrish Moss told The Associated Press on Saturday that any administrative action against Lopez will be taken after the outcome of the criminal case.

Gunmen steal money from display at Calif. casino

LAKESIDE, Calif. (AP)—

Four masked, armed intruders tried to steal a display case full of money from a suburban San Diego casino by chaining it to an SUV parked outside, but the plan went awry, authorities said. The case ended up toppling over in the lobby during the predawn Wednesday heist and one of the robbers fired a gunshot into it, San Diego County sheriff's Sgt. Tom Poulin said. The robbers got away with an unknown amount of cash from the display, which featured a stack of dollar bills with a \$100 bill on top, the Sheriff's Department said.

More votes cast for deceased mayor in Michigan

MONTAGUE, Mich. (AP)—More voters cast ballots for

the longtime mayor of a West Michigan city who died a week before the election than for his challenger. The Muskegon Chronicle reports, however, that the 129 votes cast in Montague for Henry Roesler Jr. don't officially count. Thirty-two-year-old challenger Kevin Erb—who got 115 votes in Tuesday's election—will serve the two-year term. The 84-year-old Roesler died Nov. 1, following a battle with cancer. He had been seeking his 11th consecutive term as mayor. City officials last week checked state law following Roesler's death and determined that any votes cast for Roesler wouldn't count. Erb previously ran unsuccessfully against Roesler in the 2009 mayoral race.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO VOLUNTARILY DISSOLVE A CORPORATION

Notice is given that a Notice of Intent to dissolve Island Ventures I, LLC, a corporation with its registered office at Susupe, Saipan, has been delivered to the Registrar of Corporation for filing in accordance with the CNMI Code.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,	Civil Action
Plaintiff,	No. 11-0169 CV
v.	AMENDED
	SUMMONS
FRANKLIN	
JOEL R. CRUZ	
Defendant,	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, FRANKLIN JOEL R. CRUZ:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file an answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 8th of September, 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2011-CDA-07-RFP
LOAN UNDERWRITER

The Commonwealth Development Authority is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified firms, companies, agencies and/or persons to provide the services of a loan underwriter experienced in all aspects of the underwriting process, to provide independent contractual services for the CDA in the implementation of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Loan Guaranty and Loan Participation Programs. This procurement is being conducted pursuant to CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 70-30.3, specifically § 70-30.3-235).

The CDA on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has applied for State Small Business Credit Initiative funds for the amount of \$13,168,350 for Loan Participation and Loan Guaranty. Programs are subject to CDA and lender criteria as well as SSBCI guidelines.

The purpose of the programs is to provide businesses with high growth and job creation potential that will diversify and strengthen the local economy. It encourages expansion of existing and emerging new industries to expand economic opportunity to all in the community.

The Program targets the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.


CDA encourages the leveraging of new private investment in the form of fixed asset and working capital investment. The Program provides loan guaranty and participation of up to \$5 million to businesses at interest rates and loan maturities that encourage business development and facilitate reinvestment while providing for the recapitalization and growth of fund. The program perpetuates a positive and proactive business climate that encourages the retention and expansion of existing businesses and helps to attract desirable new businesses. The Program objective is to leverage the SSBCI funding ten times (10X) with private financing.

The guidelines and specifications for this RFP may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950 during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Holidays, or from the Office of Procurement and Supply in Lower Base.

Respectfully

/s/ **MANUEL A. SABLAN**
Executive Director

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
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AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for Terminal Improvements at the Tinian International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Tinian International Airport, Terminal Improvements, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 and must be submitted no later than 2:00 PM on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011 to the Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, demolition, building and site improvements, including concrete foundations, concrete slab-on-grade, cast-in-place concrete, roof membrane, metal roofing, thermal insulation, concrete masonry unit walls, non-structural metal framing, carpentry, gypsum board, ceramic tile, resilient flooring, acoustical ceilings, aluminum doors and frames, aluminum windows, glazing, cabinetry, toilet partitions, toilet accessories, painting, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical lighting and power, complete and ready for use all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from CNMI Capital Improvement Program. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days. Liquidated damages in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not "responsive and responsible", their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the Project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by CNMI Law or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. A copy of the CNMI Minimum Wage Rate Determination is included in the General Provisions, Section 70-25.

Each Bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the Bid Proposal documents, with submission of their Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, upon payment of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal Money Order made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at CPA Conference Room, Tinian International Airport, at 10:00 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. All prospective Bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Bid Proposals shall be submitted on the Bid Schedule form included on the CD-Rom obtained from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding Bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the Bid Schedule or misentry of the quantity of line items; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the Project Contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said Bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-14(b) of the Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

Each Bidder must supply all information required by the Bid Proposal documents and Specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the Specifications. Bid Proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority office.

A Contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the Specifications. To be eligible for award, each Bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this Invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award of any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by either a Bid Bond issued by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a Certified Check, or a Cashier's Check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid Price. Checks shall be made payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

The proposed Contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ **MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ**
Acting Board Chairman / Contracting Officer

Date: November 9, 2011

Science & Technology

Study: Teens find peers kind on social networks

NEW YORK (AP)—Despite all the worries about online bullying, more than two-thirds of teenagers on social-networking sites say their peers are mostly

kind, a new study from the Pew Internet and American Life Project finds.

Still, 15 percent say they have been the target of mean or cruel

behavior, and 88 percent say they have witnessed such behavior directed at others.

One-fifth of teens who use social-networking sites say they

have personally joined in such bullying, and four-fifths say they defended someone who was a victim of meanness or cruelty. In all, 12 percent of all

teens say they experienced bullying in the past 12 months, either in person, online or by text message or phone call.

The study, released Wednesday, also found that about 40 percent of parents of teens have friended their children

on a social-networking site. But that tends to lead to more conflicts between parent and child over an experience on such sites.

The study's co-author, Mary Madden, notes that children can present a limited profile to their parents and use private messaging channels to engage with friends.

Feds charge 7 in Internet ad-fraud case

NEW YORK (AP)—A crew of Internet bandits devised an international scheme to hijack more than 4 million computers worldwide, manipulating traffic on Netflix, the Internal Revenue Service and other popular websites to generate at least \$14 million in fraudulent advertising revenue, federal prosecutors said Wednesday.

About 500,000 computers in the United States were infected with malware, including those used by ordinary users, educational institutions, nonprofits and government agencies like NASA, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said at a Manhattan news conference.

Bharara called the case "the first of its kind" because the

suspects set up their own "rogue servers" to secretly reroute Internet traffic to sites where they had a cut of the advertising revenue.

Six of the seven people named in the indictment were Estonians who were in custody in that country, and extradition was being sought, prosecutors said; one Russian remained at large. As part of the takedown, the FBI disabled the rogue serv-

ers without interrupting Internet service, authorities said.

The problem was first discovered at NASA, where 130 computers were infected. Investigators followed a digital trail to Eastern Europe, where the defendants operated "companies that masqueraded as legitimate participants in the Internet advertising industry," according to an indictment unsealed on Wednesday.

SOUND ADVICE

Tips for improving flash photography

By DON LINDICH
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q. I have an Olympus E-PL1 camera and am very pleased with it except for flash pictures. If I am more than 6 or 7 feet away from the subject the pictures are too dark. Would an external flash make a difference?—A.M., Carnegie, Pa.

A. It would definitely make a difference. Any shoe-mount flash dedicated to Olympus or Panasonic Micro Four-Thirds cameras will work automatically with your E-PL1. Don't use any other flash as it could short out your camera.

I strongly recommend separate flash units for the best possible results but they aren't always necessary, and sometimes you have to make do with what is built into the camera. Here are some simple tips to improve your flash pictures, no matter what camera or flash you are using.

First, you can change the ISO setting of your camera. This will both improve the range of your flash and capture more of the ambient light surrounding your subjects. The base setting for the E-PL1 is ISO 200. Try setting it to ISO 800, take some flash pictures at different distances and compare the images to ones taken at ISO 200. You will see a noticeable improvement.

You can also use a lower shutter speed such as 1/30 or 1/15 of a second. This will "burn in" the background. You must hold the camera steadily and have stationary subjects for this to work well.

Finally, if you can, turn on all the room lights. The additional ambient light will be captured by the sensor, filling in the background for a more natural look.

Each step will yield an improvement, and you can combine them in any combination to get the effect you want.

Contact Don Lindich at www.soundadviceblog.com and use the "submit question" link on that site.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

†Elizabeth Castro Deleon Guerrero

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Sister: Maria C. Porter,

Sister In-Laws: Dolores B. Castro, Rosa O. Castro, Rita B. Castro

Brothers & Sisters In-Laws: Isabel DLG. Campos & Jesus Campos, Angie DLG. Balecha & Flor Balecha, Cathy DLG. Quinata & Jess Quinata, Ramon S. Deleon Guerrero & Ramona Villagomez

In her new life, she now joins her:

Parents: Jose Villagomez Castro and Rosa Manibusan Castro

Parents In-Law: Jesus D. Deleon Guerrero & Josepha S. Deleon Guerrero

Brothers & Sisters In-Laws: Manuel M. Castro & Maria J. Castro

Nicolasa M. Castro & Lorenzo Roberts, Marceliano M. Castro, Francisico M. Castro,

Lee B. Porter, Augustine M. Castro, Rosario O. Camacho

Brother In-Law: Vicente S. Deleon Guerrero & Dolores T. Deleon Guerrero

Son In-Law: Dennis W. Cruz

She is also survived by numerous Aunties, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Godchildren.

Daily Mass of intention will be at 6:00pm and nightly holy rosary will follow at Santa Soledad Parish Church in Kagman.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. Her remains will be escorted from Commonwealth Health Center Chapel at 7:00 am to Santa Soledad Parish Church in Kagman. Reponso Service will take place at 8:00 am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:30 am. Public viewing and last respects will immediately follow.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 am. Interment Service will follow immediately at Santuario PAX Cemetery in Kagman.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Francisco Santos Deleon Guerrero and family
Children of the Late †Elizabeth Castro Deleon Guerrero

Message of Appreciation

We, the family of the late

†Maria Dela Cruz Aldan Omar

wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to all our relatives, friends and neighbors for your kind expression of love, sympathy, personal assistance and support during this difficult time of sorrow in the passing of our beloved into caring hands of our Creator. Your presence, thoughts and prayers in the nightly rosaries and most especially at the Mass of Christian Burial was very comforting.

We will always remember you in our hearts and prayers.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase—Thank You
From: Ignacio P. Omar, Children and Family

Life & Style

Taylor Swift, The Band Perry big winners at CMAs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A giddy Taylor Swift won her second entertainer of the year award and rising sibling act The Band Perry was the night's top winner as The Country Music Association Awards celebrated the young women of country music on Wednesday night.

Swift was rewarded for an amazing year during which she brought country music to the Far East, scored hits all around the world and continued a run that's made her country's hottest young star for several years. She's just the second woman to win the award twice, joining Barbara Mandrell.

"This is thanks to all the fans who filled the stadiums and arenas all over the world this year," said Swift, who leaped from her seat with her hands in the air and jumped for joy. "I am so happy we had so many to play for this year.

You have made my year."

It was a melancholy song about dying young that ran hard against the tried-and-true country radio formula that had everyone's attention most of the

Technically the band, which includes Perry's brothers Neil and Reid, won two awards since song of the year goes to the writer, who was Kimberly Perry alone. But the message was the same nonetheless.

"If I Die Young" is one of the few country songs that managed to crossover into the pop world.

"We sort of feel like we are part of the country evangelism scene and we love to hear country songs on pop radio," Kimberly Perry said. "It proved to be a song with really long legs."

Crossover appeal proved to be the theme of the night. Jason Aldean, who won his first major CMA award when his platinum-selling "My Kinda Party"

won album of the year, also won musical event of the year for his duet "Don't You Wanna Stay" with Kelly Clarkson. And Kenny Chesney won music video of

night, though. "If I Die Young," written by Kimberly Perry, won song and single of the year and the band picked up new artist of the year as well.

WINNERS LIST

Winners at Wednesday's 45th annual Country Music Association Awards:

Entertainer of the Year: Taylor Swift
Single: "If I Die Young," The Band Perry
Album: "My Kinda Party," Jason Aldean
Song: "If I Die Young," Kimberly Perry
Female Vocalist: Miranda Lambert
Male Vocalist: Blake Shelton
Vocal Group: Lady Antebellum
Vocal Duo: Sugarland
Musical Event: "Don't You Wanna Stay", Jason Aldean with Kelly Clarkson
Musician: Mac McAnally
Music Video: "You and Tequila," Kenny Chesney featuring Grace Potter directed by Shaun Silva
New Artist: The Band Perry

Shakira named Latin Grammy Person of the Year

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Her hips don't lie and neither do her massive album sales.

International pop star Shakira was honored as the 2011 Latin Recording Academy Person of the Year in Las Vegas Wednesday night.

The 34-year-old Colombian singer was recognized at a tribute dinner attended by some of Latin music's biggest stars, including Venezuelan crooner Franco De Vita, Mexican rocker Alejandro Guzman and salsa legend Gilberto Santa Rosa.

Shakira has sold more than 60 million albums in Spanish and English and is the youngest person to receive the Latin Recording Academy's most prestigious award.

Previous honorees include Carlos Santana, Gloria Estefan and Ricky Martin.

Shakira walked the red carpet outside the event in a sea of foam Grecian gown, her long blonde hair gathered to the side in a unassuming braid.

"This is one of the most important moments of my life," she told The Associated Press. "I'm happy. I'm honored. I'm humbled."

The celebrity gala comes amid a red-letter week for Shakira, who was honored with her own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles Tuesday. The "Hips

Don't Lie" singer is also up for three awards, including album of the year, at the 12th Annual Latin Grammy Awards Thursday night in Las Vegas.

Shakira, who recently wrapped up her international tour for her "Sale el Sol" album, said it has been a "year of passion."

"I've been able to harvest the efforts of the past," she said.

The stars who walked the red carpet before the tribute dinner applauded Shakira for making the leap from Latin American super star to mainstream fame.

Guzman said she was envi-



AP

Taylor Swift poses backstage with the award for entertainer of the year at the 45th Annual CMA Awards in Nashville, Tenn., on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

the year for his duet "You and Tequila" with Grace Potter.

That theme also carried over to the stage where stars from different genres came together for some of the CMA's strongest performances. The show also featured plenty of sexy dancing, belching smoke special effects and, at one point, acrobats spinning down from the ceiling on lengths of unspooling fabric.

ous of Shakira's prominence, but said the acclaim was well-deserved, noting Shakira's lyrical and vocal talents.

"All of us have dreams to be that big," Guzman said.

Latin Grammy nominee De Vita echoed the praise, and said he hoped he could follow in Shakira's footsteps.

"She has had an extraordinary and enviable career," he said.

Shakira, whose full name is Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll, was only 14 when she released her first album, "Magia." She rose to fame in Latin America and Spain in 1995 with the release "Pies Descalzos" and the 1998 release of her Spanish rock album "Donde Estan los Ladrones?"

Eddie Murphy follows Ratner and quits Oscar gig

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Eddie Murphy has bowed out of his gig as host of the Academy Awards, following pal Brett Ratner's decision to leave the show as producer because of an uproar over a gay slur.

The news of Murphy's departure came Wednesday, a day after Ratner quit as producer of the Feb. 26 show.

Ratner left amid criticism of his use of a pejorative term for gay men in a question-and-answer session at a screening of his action comedy "Tower Heist," which opened last weekend and stars Murphy and Ben Stiller.

Murphy's exit deprives Oscar organizers of a top star for an of-

ten thankless job that's tough to fill, since some past hosts have found little to gain from the gig and plenty to lose if they do a poor job as emcee of Hollywood's biggest party.

The two sides departed with cordial words, though.

"I completely understand and support each party's decision with regard to a change of producers

for this year's Academy Awards ceremony," Murphy said in a news release from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. "I was truly looking forward to being a part of the show

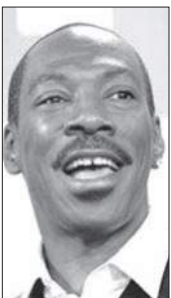
that our production team and writers were just starting to develop, but I'm sure that the new production team and host will do an equally great job."

Ratner had apologized for the gay slur, saying his comments had been "hurtful and stupid."

Murphy himself has a history of homophobic humor in his early standup years. His 1983 comedy special "Delirious" includes a segment in which Murphy jokes about being afraid of homosexuals and worrying that gay men are staring at his butt.



Shakira



Murphy

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Henry Cavill, Mickey Rourke, Freida Pinto
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Synopsis

A brave young stonemason assembles a fierce band of warriors to prevent an evil king from acquiring the artifact that will permit him to rule the world in this epic mythological fantasy from visionary filmmaker Tarsem Singh. King Hyperion (Mickey Rourke) is a brutal tyrant on a bloody mission to seek out the mythical Bow of Epirus. Should he succeed, even the Gods of Olympus will be forced to bow before him. In his efforts to locate the invincible and elusive weapon, Hyperion leads his Heraklion army on a brutal rampage across Greece, razing every town in their path, and killing with impunity. When the Hyperions lay waste to his village and cut down his mother in cold blood, vengeful stonemason Theseus (Henry Cavill) emerges from the rubble determined to make the king pay for his crimes.

Jack and Jill

Friday & Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:50
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Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes
 Comedy • Rated PG

Tower Heist

Friday & Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	9:30
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Friday & Saturday		4:10	7:10	9:45
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John Cho, Kal Penn, Neil Patrick Harris
 Comedy • Rated R

Puss in Boots

Friday & Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:35
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Mon thru Thurs		4:05	7:05	

Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek
 Children's/Family • Rated PG

In Time

Friday & Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:40
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Mon thru Thurs		4:20	7:20	

Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried
 Thriller • Rated PG 13

Paranormal Activity 3

Friday Saturday	1:30	7:30
Sunday	1:30	7:30
Mon thru Thurs		7:30

Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman, directing
 Thriller, Horror • Rated R

Real Steel

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Jackson doctor defends self in NBC broadcasts

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The doctor convicted of killing Michael Jackson never testified at his trial, but he is now defending himself in multiple NBC interviews taped just days before a jury returned his guilty verdict.

NBC's "Today" show planned to broadcast interviews with Dr. Conrad Murray in which he defends his use of the surgical anesthetic propofol to put Jackson to sleep. Although



Conrad

multiple experts testified at his trial that propofol should not have been administered in Jackson's home, the doctor disagreed.

"I think propofol is not recommended to be given in the home setting," Murray said, "but it is not contraindicated."

He also said Jackson had been using the substance long before the pop star met Murray.

The interview with the Houston cardiologist, who

was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter Monday, is set to air Thursday and Friday. NBC released excerpts of the interview Wednesday.

Under questioning by the "Today" show's Savannah Guthrie, Murray said it was not necessary for him to monitor Jackson because he had given him only a small dose of propofol, and he said that was the reason he didn't mention it to paramedics when they arrived at Jackson's mansion.

"That's a very sad reason," he said, "because it was in-

consequential—25 milligrams and the effect's gone. Means nothing."

Guthrie asked, "Well, you told them about the other drugs, but you didn't tell them about propofol?"

"Because it had no effect," Murray said. "It was not an issue."

Marc Jacobs perfume ad banned in UK

LONDON (AP)—Britain's advertising standards watchdog on Wednesday banned a Marc Jacobs perfume ad starring actress Dakota Fanning, saying it seemed to sexualize a child and could cause serious offense.

Four readers complained about the magazine ad for Jacobs' recently launched "Oh, Lola!" perfume, the Advertising Standards Authority said. The ad showed the 17-year-old star in a pale short dress, sitting with an oversized perfume bottle—which is shaped like a vase holding a giant red flower—between her legs.

The watchdog said that Fanning looked under 16 years old in the ad, and the styling in the image drew attention to her sexuality.

"Because of that, along with her appearance, we considered the ad could be seen to sexualize a child," it said.

Perfume maker Coty UK said it had not received any complaints. It said that the ad was targeted at readers over 25 years old, and that while the image was provocative, it wasn't indecent. Most magazine readers would be used to "edgy images" in fashion magazines and are not likely to find the ad offensive, it added.

Vacation caretaker leaves her neighbors' home open to theft

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



DEAR ABBY: Before we went on vacation, we trusted our 15-year-old neighbor "Mia" to feed our cat, take in the mail and water the plants. While we were away, she invited some of her friends and their friends to our home. Some of them she knew by their nicknames and only for a short time.

When Mia's parents learned about the party, they forbade her to go. However, she failed to mention she had left our door unlocked for strangers to enter. It was obvious when we returned that people had been there because things were out of place and garbage was left behind. We're missing about \$100 worth of beer and liquor, \$50 in change and \$150 in old coins. Mia claims she doesn't know who was there, and her friends aren't being honest.

I'd like to get the police involved. Mia, her parents and my husband think I'm "unfair" for wanting to involve the police. I believe a crime has been committed and don't understand why I'm being treated like the bad guy when I'm the victim. The police have told me Mia would not get into trouble as long as she cooperates. Am I overreacting?

VIOLATED NEIGHBOR IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR VIOLATED: I don't think so. The party animals who invaded your home are guilty of trespassing and theft. You should be compensated for anything that was taken and those responsible held accountable. Now that the "kids" have seen where everything of value in your house is located, you could be further victimized. You did the right thing in informing the police.

DEAR ABBY: I am recently widowed. Men I work with and the husbands of some of my friends have been hitting on me. They'll ask me out for a meal, give me big hugs—and a couple of them have even kissed me on the mouth.

I don't lead them on, and besides, I'm a chubby great-grandmother. What drives men to do this? Do they think they're "consoling" me? When these things happen, I act as if they never did and go on as usual because to do otherwise would be hurtful to their wives, who are my friends. These men don't frighten me, but I don't understand their motivation. Do you?

GRANNY IN HER 70s

DEAR GRANNY: There isn't a blanket explanation for the behavior you have described. Some of your friends' husbands may be trying to console you; others may have lecherous intentions. As to your male co-workers, big hugs and kisses are a no-no in the workplace and you should tell them so.

If these incidents happen repeatedly with the same people, you WILL have to speak up and say they're making you uncomfortable. And as to your friends' husbands, try this: Stiff-arm them when you greet them with a sweet smile, then turn your cheek when you see them coming at you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are not religious. We believe that people are entitled to their own beliefs. My problem lies with my brother-in-law and his wife. They are two of the most judgmental, sanctimonious people I have ever known. They "hate" (their word) Mormons, Catholics, etc. How would you suggest I respond to their criticism of our "lack" of Christianity and their offers to pray for us?

BITING MY TONGUE IN GREAT FALLS, MONT.

DEAR BITING YOUR TONGUE: If your relatives are an example of people who practice Christianity, heaven help the rest of us. If you must interact with them, practice selective deafness, and when they spout hatred, excuse yourselves.

DEAR VETERANS: I salute you for your service to this country. My thanks to each of you, as well as to the brave and dedicated men and women who are still on active duty. You are the personification of patriotism and self-sacrifice for your dedication to this country.—ABBY

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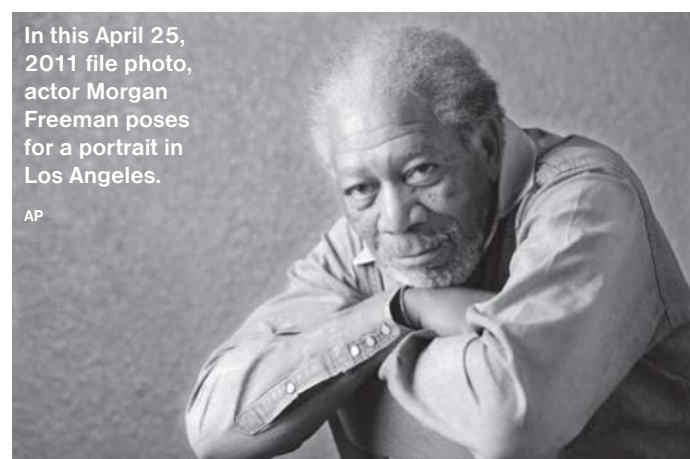
Morgan Freeman earns DeMille Award at Globes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Academy Award winner Morgan Freeman is taking home a new prize—a lifetime-achievement honor at the Golden Globes.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association announced Wednesday that Freeman will receive the group's Cecil B. DeMille Award at the 69th annual Globes ceremony on Jan. 15.

The 74-year-old Freeman is a five-time Oscar nominee who won the supporting-actor prize for 2004's "Million Dollar Baby." Freeman's Oscar nominations include best actor for 1989's "Driving Miss Daisy," for which he won a Golden Globe.

Freeman made his big-screen debut as an extra in 1965's "The Pawnbroker," and his film work remained modest over the next two decades.



In this April 25, 2011 file photo, actor Morgan Freeman poses for a portrait in Los Angeles.

AP

His big successes early on came in theater, which brought him a Tony Award nomination for 1978's "The Mighty Gents," and television, where he was a regular for six years on the children's show "The Electric Company."

Freeman's big-screen career took off with 1987's crime drama "Street Smart," which

earned him his first Oscar nomination. Among his credits since then are "Glory," "Unforgiven," "The Shawshank Redemption," "Bruce Almighty" and its sequel, this year's family hit "Dolphin Tale," and the current "Batman" franchise, including next summer's "The Dark Knight Rises."

94-year-old Zsa Zsa Gabor rushed to hospital again

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zsa Zsa Gabor has been rushed to a Los Angeles hospital after another health scare. Publicist John Blanchette says the 94-year-old actress was taken by ambulance

to Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center on Wednesday after her feeding tube became loose. Blanchette says Gabor's husband Frederic von Anhalt noticed bleeding in her stomach where

the tube came unattached. Gabor has been hospitalized repeatedly since falling out of bed and breaking her hip in July 2010. She had a leg amputated in January.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Mariah Carey: Pregnancy made my voice stronger

NEW YORK (AP)—Mariah Carey is known for her five-octave range, and she says her voice has gotten stronger, thanks to pregnancy. The 42-year-old gave birth to fraternal twins in April via C-section. She recently lost 30 pounds by following the Jenny Craig diet, and says the process has enhanced her vocals. Says Carey: "Right now I feel like pregnancy actually helped me vocally." Carey is the new brand ambassador for Jenny Craig, which is now called Jenny. The Grammy-winning singer said after giving birth she was "approached by a lot of different companies," but that the folks at Jenny "understood me." During her pregnancy Carey dealt with gestational diabetes and toxemia. She says "you couldn't make me go through that again."

Barneys gives details of Gaga's holiday workshop

NEW YORK (AP)—Shoppers entering the flagship Barneys New York store during the holi-

days will go through the mouth of a giant monsterlike creature in the spirit of Lady Gaga, as the retailer transforms one of its entrances leading to Gaga's Workshop. The store's famous Madison Avenue windows, meanwhile, will be a collage of music, fashion, astrology and the elements. Barneys gave details Wednesday about its previously announced partnership with the superstar. She and her team will decorate and fill the entire fifth floor with products, totaling 5,550 square feet. There will be eight mini stores inside for candy, toys, apparel and accessories, holiday, collectables and a media library. The "boudoir" area, featuring, candles and cosmetics will mimic a giant wig, and the jewelry shop will be carved from a spider. The opening is planned for just before midnight on Nov. 21.

Bond hearing scheduled for Lindsay Lohan's dad

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—The attorney for the estranged father of actress Lindsay Lohan says he entered a not guilty plea

stemming from domestic violence charges against his client. Michael Lohan was supposed to appear before Judge Walter Heinrich in Tampa on Wednesday afternoon. The *Tampa Tribune* reports a bond hearing is scheduled for Nov. 16. The 51-year-old Lohan was first arrested on Oct. 25. His bail was set at \$5,000. A judge warned him not to make any contact with Kate Major, his on-and-off girlfriend. Two days later, he was accused of violating the terms of his release by making a harassing phone call to her.

Harper Lee letter sells for \$9,518 at auction

MONROEVILLE, Ala. (AP)—A letter signed by Alabama author Harper Lee regarding her award-winning book "To Kill a Mocking Bird" has been sold at auction for \$9,518. Nate D. Sanders Auctions of Los Angeles says the typed letter was sold Tuesday. In the letter, Lee responds to a fan who asked where the book's Maycomb County is located. She tells the fan that the county is in her heart. The letter was

written in 1960 and includes a hand-drawn outline of Alabama with Maycomb County written across the north central part of the state.

Piers Morgan exits as 'America's Got Talent' judge

NEW YORK (AP)—Piers Morgan says he's leaving the judges' panel at "America's Got Talent" to concentrate on his CNN talk show. He made the announcement Wednesday night on "Piers Morgan Tonight." He explained that juggling both shows had proven too difficult. He said he had chosen to ease his schedule to focus on covering events in the upcoming election year. Morgan has been a judge on the NBC talent show since 2006, where lately he sat alongside fellow judges Sharon Osbourne and Howie Mandel. The show's most recent season ended in September. The 46-year-old British journalist and TV personality was tapped for the CNN show last year. "Piers Morgan Tonight" premiered in January, replacing "Larry King Live" on CNN's weeknight schedule.

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24 Initial stake

25 What-ever's left over

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27 "The Music Man" setting

28 Body powder

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Yesterday's answer 11-11

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Leonardo DiCaprio, 37; Calista Flockhart, 47; Demi Moore, 49; Stanley Tucci, 51.

Happy Birthday: Don't let emotions be your downfall. Look past complications and you will see the light at the end of the tunnel. Greater perspective will come through hard work and advancement. What you accomplish will result in a better attitude. Don't give in to force when you can take another route. Your numbers are 9, 14, 21, 26, 33, 38, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't try to convince yourself that someone from your past will change or treat you differently. Put up your guard and focus on what lies ahead, not behind. Value your ethics and integrity and protect your reputation. Love is in the stars. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Enjoy getting out and meeting people. Share your ideas and you will attract interest in a project you want to pursue. A partnership will be inviting, and the prospects look promising. A celebration late in the day will enhance your personal life. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your versatility will save the day. Jumping from one thing to another is what you do best. Your keen sense of what works and what doesn't will give you an edge when faced with a challenge or competition. Love is highlighted. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Not everyone will be honest. Question anyone who is trying to impress you. Business propositions or promises will come with baggage, and

disappointment will result if you aren't practical and realistic. Protect your assets. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Change will be inviting, and adapting to new surroundings, people or ways of doing things will be exciting. You'll be inspired to contribute your unique touch to whatever you pursue, and you stand to be praised for your insight. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Explore new people, places and pastimes. Your encounters will be fulfilling, and what you learn along the way will help you deal with pressing personal matters. Reassess your domestic situation and act quickly, before things escalate. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't take a risk. Size up your situation. Once you see where things are heading you will make the right choice for you. Enjoy friends or consider taking a mini-trip that will enhance your relationship with the people you love most. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put a little extra into your job and you will get a high return. Your dedication will impress someone who is watching from the sidelines. Don't let someone you used to know interfere in your personal life. Keep your money in a safe place. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are likely to receive false information or be accused of exaggerating the truth. Stick to basics and keep whatever you do, say or pursue simple. Too much of anything will

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work against you. Caution will put you in the driver's seat. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put more into home and your domestic life and you will reap the rewards. Your ability to deal with money matters will help you avoid a loss. Dealing with institutions or agencies will be advantageous if you make a presentation. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let what others say get to you. Follow your heart and you will make the choice best suited to your needs. You have more going for you than you realize, and your success will be the best revenge you could possibly ask for. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to what you know. Telling the truth and keeping promises are a must if you want to get ahead. Stick close to home and avoid trips that might lead to problems with authority figures. Protect your reputation and your position. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are outgoing, entertaining and relentless when you want something.

Eugenia's Web sites: eugenialast.com for confidential consultations, myspace.com/eugenialast for Eugenia's blog, astroadvice.com for fun

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

GIFT CARDS

Solution: 4 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Sink
The NEW Treasury 90-cent coins, called "golden nuggets," will be available in the fall. The coins are made of a gold-colored metal and are the same size as the 1-cent coins. The coins are made of a gold-colored metal and are the same size as the 1-cent coins. The coins are made of a gold-colored metal and are the same size as the 1-cent coins.

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(1) Electrician. Salary: \$5.05/hr. Installation and repair of wiring, lighting fixtures, power distribution equipment, devices, power systems, controls and relays. Plans layout, installation and service of electrical equipment, raceways and conductors. Measures, cuts, bends and threads and installs all types of electrical conduit using hand, mechanical and hydraulic benders. Blueprint reading and interpretation capabilities required. Plans new and modified installations to minimize waste of material and to maximize performance of systems.

Interested applicants may send resume to
PO Box 503350 Saipan, MP 96950

CBI, INC.
Job Vacancy Announcement

(2) Commercial Cleaner. High School graduate w/ 5yrs of work related experience. Must have own transportation to job sites. Must be able to work flexible days, hours and willing to work on holidays and weekends. Salary: \$5.05.

(2) House Worker. High School graduate w/ 5yrs minimum experience. Must be able to work flexible days, hours and willing to work on holidays and weekends. Salary: \$5.05.

Please submit your resume to tes_caballica@yahoo.com, no phone calls please.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
JTL PLANTATION NEEDS:

One (1) Farmer – High School graduate or it's equivalent w/ at least (1) year experience in agriculture & livestock farming. Clean the animals waste & feed animals everyday. Knows how to cultivate the soil, plant & nurture vegetables. Works with less supervision. Willing to work on weekends. Applicant must be honest, trustworthy & hardworking. Applicant is subject to criminal background check.

Interested applicants must submit resume & police clearance to our office located on the 2nd flr of Quad L's Bldg (where Bank of Saipan Garapan is located). You may call 233-6183 for inquiries.

(1) General Maintenance. High School or College graduate w/basic knowledge in computer for monthly reporting. Minimum of 2-3 yrs experience. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License & flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting and maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Please mail resume to Skill Int'l Corp, P.O. Box 502618 CK, Saipan, MP 96950.

Sumy, Incorporated is now hiring

(1) **General Manager**, 5 yrs. Experience in Commercial Space Rental business. Can speak both English and Korean. Interested party shall submit resume with the police clearance and the recommendation letter from previous employer to SUMY, Incorporated or fax to 235-0697.

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(1) Tutor for High School and College Students

- Must have a Bachelor's Degree majoring in Math or Science from a U.S. Accredited Institution.
- Must have valid CNMI-PSS Teaching Certificate for Secondary Level
- Must have experience teaching in a post-secondary level, cross-cultural environment.
- Work Schedule: Mon-Fri 4:00pm - 9:00pm and weekends as needed.
- Salary: \$6.00 per hour

(1) Accountant

- 5 years minimum experience in general accounting
- Proficient in Peachtree Accounting Software
- Works with less supervision, honest and dependable.

Background checks, and knowledge testing may be done prior to employment.

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Job Announcement for Salty Saipan Corp.

Interior Designer (Full Time)

Must have B.A. degree in Fine Arts or Interior Design. Strong team building, organization, communication skills are essential. With 8 years or more experience in preparing comprehensive interior design packages including architectural detailing and knowledge of construction documentation. AutoCAD experience is essential. Individual must possess excellent presentation skills and have the ability to manage multiple projects. Conceptual sketching ability desired. LEED AP accredited is a plus. Awareness and experience in workplace strategies and solutions a plus. Adobe Photoshop, illustrator program knowledge.

Licensed Acupuncturist (Full Time)

Must have Master of Science in Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine. Must have a Licensed to practice Acupuncture in the State & CNMI. Fluent Korean & English (More than 50% of patients are Korean). With 5 years or more experience in same field. Basic computer skills are essential.

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(1) Building General Maintenance.
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If interested please call
Three Way Int'l Inc. 433-0004

Wanted – Commercial cleaner for diving business on Rota. Five years experience, high school diploma, 2 letters of recommendation from former employers and police clearance required. Minimum salary. Call 532-3423 for interview.

Job Vacancy Announcement
BAKER

Knowledge in baking bread, pies, tarts, cookies, cakes, and cupcakes and making chilled desserts. Knowledge in Fondat making, cake and cupcake designing is a must. Must be creative and have a good eye for detail. Must be able to work flexible hours. High school graduate with 2-3 years experience. Salary \$ 5.0/hr.

Email your resume at pieceofcake670@gmail.com

Song & Jang Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Manager. 3-10 years experience, (1) Tour Guide Supervisor, 3-10 years experience, (6) Tour Guide, 2-5 years experience, (1) Rental Coordinator, 2-3 years experience, (1) Delivery, 2-3 years experience, (7) Masseuse, 2-5 years experience.

Interested U.S. Citizen applicant must fax resume to 322-3316.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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5 years minimum experience. Must also be able to fabricate partial dentures. \$6.50/hour

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Must have good computer skills. Must be confident, outgoing and professional. \$6.00+ / hour

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Job Vacancy Announcement

(2) Manager. Salary: \$5.05/hr

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Job Vacancy Announcement
1-Farmer

High School Graduate or equivalent with at least 5 years of work experience in farm related work. Plant vegetables, fruits, and trees; keep plants stay fresh; water plants and feed animals such as pigs, cows and chickens. Must be flexible and willing to reside at the farm of the employer or place of employer. Must know how to use and operate farm equipment such as lawn mower, bush cutter or tiller. Salary: \$5.05 per hour (house not included).

If you are interested, please submit your resume or Bio-data. Contact Jun Cabrera Consulting Services at 285-0028.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Administrative Assistant (1) - \$5.05/hr
Qualifications: Must be College Degree, Must be proficient in Quickbooks. Must have computer skills and strong general record keeping background and experience. Must be familiar and must understand Federal and CNMI Law. Must have excellent Customer Service. Must have own ride. Can do other duties as directed by the Manager.
Requirements: Must have 5 yrs experience / Police Clearance / Employment Certificate needed

General Maintenance (1) - \$5.05/hr
Qualifications: Maintain laundry facilities, equipment to include welding, carpentry, painting, pipe fittings, plumbing, and electrical. Must have knowledge in fixing boilers, dry cleaning machines and commercial laundry washers. Must know how to put roofing. Must have own ride. Can do other duties as directed by the manager.
Requirements: Minimum of 3 yrs experience / Police Clearance / Employment Certificate needed

Laundry Helper (2) - \$5.05/hr
Qualifications: Must be high school graduate, can work on flexible hours. Can iron clothes 30 pcs a day, must know how to operate steam press, can stand pressing for 8 hrs daily, can work on a hot environment and no health problem such as High Blood Pressure and other sickness.
Requirements: minimum of 3 yrs experience / Police Clearance or any Employment Certificate

Fabridean of CNMI dba Marianas Cleaners
Contact Person: John Guzman (NO PHONE CALLS)

Milne and Reyes Enterprises, Inc. dba: Joe's Bar & Grill
Job Vacancy Announcement

Bartender (2)
Qualifications:

- High School Graduate or equivalent with minimum 3 years experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails.
- Strong communication and interpersonal is essential.
- Full time with flexible working hours.

Chief Bartender (1)
Qualifications:

- High School graduate or equivalent with minimum of at least 5 years experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails.
- Must know how to give instructions and supervision to his assistants.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills required.
- Full time with flexible working hours.

Waitress (5)
Qualifications:

- High School graduate or equivalent with at least minimum of 3 years experience in bar operation.
- Must know how to operate karaoke machine, with good customer service and strong communication skills required.
- Able to work full time with flexible working hours.

Cook (2)
Qualifications:

- High School graduate or equivalent with at least minimum of 5 years experience in preparation of International cuisine.
- Must possess an excellent hygiene and cleanliness to work station.
- Fast and efficient worker.
- Must be knowledgeable in marketing of foods and supplies.
- Able to work full time with flexible working hours.

Accounts Manager (1)
Qualifications:

- College graduate with degree of Accounting or Business related course.
- At least 3 years experience in handling of bar or restaurant accounts.
- Able to compute taxes, ensuring compliance with payments, reporting or other tax requirements and handles customer billing, collection and payments.
- Must know how to use Peachtree Accounting software.
- Organized and willing to work in flexible working hours.

Maintenance Worker (1)
Qualifications:

- At least High School graduate or equivalent with 10 years experience required.
- Must know how to do plumbing, mechanical, electrical, carpentry, masonry, air conditioning and electronic works.
- Must know how to operate different kinds of machines and equipments.
- Must be able to work as full time with flexible working hours and during nights or weekends.

Commercial Cleaner (1)
Qualifications:

- At least High School graduate or equivalent with 2 years experience required.
- Must have efficiency, hardworking, active, trustworthy qualities of a person.
- Must know how to use mop, vacuum cleaner, and other tools in cleaning.
- Must be able to work as a full time with flexible working hours including weekends.

Interested applicants may submit resume to Joe's Bar and Grill Office located on the 2nd floor of Pacific Basin Insurance, Beach Road, Garapan. Telephone No. 235-6657.

Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Electronic Technician – 5 yrs experience \$ 5.05/hr. Must be certified/licensed air-conditioning technician. Knowledgeable in satellite TV System, CCTV camera, entertainment equipment & other electronics equipment – installation and service repair. Interested applicant must contact and submit resume to Langiang L. Barcinas dba Ally Electronics. P.O. Box 503534 CK Saipan, MP 96950
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Job Vacancy Announcement

Bookkeeper

- with 5 years minimum experience
- must have strong communication skills and can work on flexible hours without supervision
- knowledge in on-line marketing preferred

Please contact (670) 235-1004 from 1:00pm - 5:00pm
JOCELYN MONES TAITANO
Accounting Services and Online Marketing

Se Hoon Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Manager. 3-10 years experience,
(1) Tour Guide Supervisor. 2-5 years experience,
(6) Tour Guide. 2-5 years experience.

Interested U.S. Citizen applicant must fax resume to 322-3316.

Job Vacancy Announcement
GOOD CARE, LLC

(1) Interpreter

Must have 4 years experience as interpreter. Must be fluent in writing and reading Japanese and English. Knowledgeable about tourism industry preferred. Must have experience in general office work.
Salary: \$6.92-\$7.25/hr.

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BDC Consultancy (Saipan) LLC
JOV VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: (3) Administrative Assistant
SALARY: \$5.05 - \$7.00 per hour
Minimum Education Required: Bachelor's Degree
Experience: Minimum 10 years office work
Skills and Qualifications: Must be computer literate, knowledgeable in processing U.S. immigration definitions, terms, and procedures and be able to pass an English reading and comprehension test.
Other duties: as required by management.

Appointments for interviews please call: 234-8801.
Bring resume and police clearance.

JOSEPH C. REYES dba: Joe's Steak House Capital
Job Vacancy Announcement

WAITRESS (8)
Qualifications:

- High School graduate or equivalent with at least minimum of 3 years experience in bar operation.
- With good customer service and strong communication skills required.
- Able to work full time with flexible working hours.
- Ability to speak Japanese and Chinese is a plus.

Chief Bartender (2)
Qualifications:

- High School graduate or equivalent with minimum of at least 5 years experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails.
- Must know how to give instructions and supervision to his assistants.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills required.
- Full time with flexible working hours.

Cook (2)
Qualifications:

- High School graduate or equivalent with at least minimum of 5 years experience in preparation of Steak and International cuisine.
- Must possess an excellent hygiene and cleanliness to work station.
- Fast and efficient worker.
- Must be knowledgeable in marketing of foods and supplies.
- Able to work full time with flexible working hours.

Assistant Cook (2)
Qualifications:

- High School graduate or equivalent with at least minimum of 2 years experience.
- Must possess an excellent hygiene and cleanliness to work station.
- Fast and efficient worker.
- Must be able to follow instructions from the cook.
- Must be knowledgeable in marketing of foods and supplies.
- Able to work full time with flexible working hours.

Maintenance Worker (3)
Qualifications:

- At least High School graduate or equivalent with 3 years experience required.
- Must know how to do plumbing, mechanical, electrical, carpentry, masonry work.
- Must know how to operate different kinds of machines and equipments.
- Must be able to work as full time with flexible working hours and during nights or weekends.

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Joe Paterno, center, and his wife, Susan, stand on their porch to thank well-wishers in State College, Pa., Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011. The Penn State board of trustees voted Wednesday night to fire Paterno and university president Graham Spanier amid the growing furor over how the school handled sex abuse allegations against an assistant coach.

Joe Paterno's resignation leaves players shocked, sad

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)—Joe Paterno was in tears, his players in shock.
“All the clips you’ve ever seen of him, you never saw him break down and cry,” quarterback Paul Jones said. “And he was crying the whole time today.”
Struggling to keep his emotions in check and old school as always in a sweater and tie, Paterno stood in front of his players and coaches Wednesday and said the words many already knew were coming but never thought they’d actually hear. After almost a half-century of head coaching at Penn State, and more victories than any other Division I coach, he was resigning at the end of the season.
Paterno told his players it was the best decision following the child sex-abuse scandal involving former defensive coordinator and one-time heir apparent Jerry Sandusky. In just a few days, the tawdry allegations have managed to sully the pristine reputation that Paterno built with such care all these years.
When he finished talking, his last group of players rose and applauded.
“Obviously, it was pretty emotional,” safety Nick Sukay said. “He’s spent his whole life here and dedicated everything to Penn State. You could really feel that.”
Criticism of Paterno has grown all week, and his support among the Penn State trustees was “eroding” ahead of a board meeting Friday. On Wednesday morning, as players were waking up or heading off to class, they got phone calls and text messages telling them to report to the Lasch Football Building as quickly as possible for a team meeting.
While players were making their way to the glass and cream-colored brick building on the northeast side of campus, Paterno arrived at the football offices in a white Mercedes-Benz SUV driven by his daughter, Mary Kay.
“I had a feeling,” said junior fullback Michael Zordich, whose father was an All-American safety at Penn State. “I’d heard some things.”
As a statement from Paterno announcing his resignation was being released, the 84-year-old coach delivered the news to his team personally. He spoke for about 10 minutes while his players and staff listened in stunned silence.



As Paterno broke down, so did some of his players.
“I’ve never seen players get that way. I’ve never seen coaches get that way,” junior cornerback Stephon Morris said. “I’ve never seen coach get that down before.”
Added senior offensive tackle Chima Okoli, “It wasn’t anything that felt good for anybody at all.”
Paterno asked his players to stay focused and beat No.19 Nebraska on Saturday, the final home game of the season.
But the coach who has preached “Success with Honor,” demanding academic excellence and good behavior from his players, also asked them to continue being “great young men,” sophomore tailback Silas Redd said.
“Continue to have good character,” Redd said Paterno told them. “That’s the thing he’s been teaching us the whole time.”
While other powerhouse programs have been embarrassed by NCAA violations in recent years, Penn State had avoided any major troubles - until now.
“For coach Paterno, the greatest coach of any sport really, to go out like this is unfair,” Okoli said. “He’s meant so much more to the university (than football). He’s had such a legacy, and this isn’t a fitting end.”
Paterno finished by reminding his players they would always share a bond, would always be a family, and they responded by giving him a standing ovation. The coach then left with his daughter, looking somber and sad as he got back into the SUV. He declined to say anything more. He waved and they drove off.
His players stayed for a few more minutes to talk with their position coaches. Several stopped to talk to reporters. Others walked away with their heads down, some wearing head phones to drown out questions.
“We’re all still feeling the effects of it,” Sukay said. “We’re pretty shocked, pretty sad.”
At Paterno’s house, just a few blocks off campus, it was largely quiet aside from a few deliveries: flowers, what looked like a fruit basket. One student stopped to leave a letter in Paterno’s mailbox.
“He gave his life to the university for 50 years,” Okoli said. “You’ll never see that again in college football.”

Woods shoots 4-under 68 at Australian Open

SYDNEY (AP)—Tiger Woods shot a 4-under 68 on Thursday night in the Australian Open, leaving him three shots behind first-round leader Jarrod Lyle.

Following lip-out attempts for birdie on three of his first five holes, Woods made the turn in 1-under 34 and birdied the 10th, 11th and 13th holes.

Woods' putt from 10 feet curled around the first hole, and his 18-footer on the fourth did the same. On the fifth, his ball did a complete horseshoe, and Woods, trying to end a two-year victory drought, looked exasperated as he tapped in for par.

Woods, preparing for the Presidents Cup next week at Royal Melbourne, is attempting to end a two-year winless streak. His last victory was at the Australian Masters in Melbourne in November 2009.

Lyle shot 65 in a morning group.

Dustin Johnson led a small group of Americans who got off to a good start Thursday in the Australian Open as their tuneup for the Presidents Cup.

One of their better scores belonged to someone who won't even be playing in matches—U.S. captain Fred Couples.



U.S. golfer Tiger Woods studies his put on the second hole during the first round of the Australian Open golf tournament in Sydney, Australia, Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011.

AP

late starters on a day that featured rain in the morning and the threat of more bad weather in the afternoon. He was playing one group ahead of Adam Scott and ex-caddie Steve Williams, who last week used a racial slur to make disparaging comments about his former boss.

This is the two-year anniversary of Woods' last professional win, which came down in Melbourne at the 2009 Australian Masters.

Johnson arrived Sunday and has been playing a little bit each day to help shake off the rust and get acclimated to being in another part of the world. He missed a 4-foot par putt on the 10th, then missed a 5-foot birdie on the par-5 11th.

From there, he overpowered The Lakes. Johnson hit driver and sand wedge on the uphill,

447-yard 12th hole to tap-in range, hit a lob wedge to a foot for birdie on the next hole, then recovered from a poor tee shot by hitting 7-iron from the bunker to 10 feet on the par-5 14th, having to settle for a two-putt birdie.

The longest putt he made during that stretch of five birdies was from about 8 feet.

John Cook, the replacement for Michael Jordan as Couples' assistant in the Presidents Cup, opened with a 69. Two other Americans who actually are playing in matches—Bill Haas and David Toms—opened at 72.

Lyle didn't play the par 5s very well, and all of them are considered in range. But he made up for it on the 14th with an eagle that gave him the outright lead, and he added a birdie on the 16th to secure the lead.

Jarrod had a 7-under 65 and to take the lead among the early starters at The Lakes. He had a one-shot lead over Johnson, who overcame a sloppy start by running off five straight birdies on the back nine.

"I was a little rusty," Johnson said. "It was my first time in competition for about six weeks."

Couples, who played the 50-and-old Champion Tour's final event last week in San Fran-

cisco, played in the group behind Johnson and birdied his final hole at the par-3 ninth for a 67.

Greg Norman, the International captain next week at Royal Melbourne, had a 71. Norman won his first Australian Open at The Lakes in 1980—before five players on his team were even born.

Defending champion Geoff Ogilvy had a 70.

Tiger Woods was among the

Posada says he won't be back with Yankees in 2012

NEW YORK (AP)—After five World Series rings, seven American League pennants and five All-Star appearances, Jorge Posada says his career with the New York Yankees is over.

"I don't think there's not even a percentage of chance that I can come back," the 40-year-old catcher said Wednesday night before his foundation's annual dinner. "It's not going to happen."

After 17 seasons in pinstripes, Posada faces the same choice Bernie Williams had after the 2006 season: Retire and ensure that his entire big league career was with the Yankees or move on to another team. Posada said his agents had heard from about a half-dozen clubs expressing interest and he probably will wait until January or early February to make up his mind.

"Do I want to do it for somebody else? Do I want to leave home? Do I want to do it all over again without knowing anybody?" he said, with his wife Laura at his side.

Following the retirements of Williams and Andy Pettitte last winter, Posada's exit will leave only 37-year-old Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera, who turns 42 on Nov. 29, from the core group that propelled the Yankees to their recent run of titles.

Posada lost his catching job after 2010 and was shifted to designated hitter with one season left on a \$52.4 million, four-year contract. The switch-hitter

struggled against left-handers and was batting .165 on May 14 when he was dropped to No. 9 in the batting order against Boston. He asked to be taken out of the lineup, saying he wasn't ready to play.

"At the end of the day, it's a business. You look back and you wish there were some things that could have gone differently, but they didn't," Posada said. "I'm not bitter at the Yankees. I'm not bitter at Joe Girardi. I'm not bitter at Brian Cashman. It just happened. I wish at that moment I would have changed a couple things. But it happened, and you know what? You learn from it."

Posada recovered to hit .268 for the rest of the season, leaving him with a .235 average, 14 homers and 44 RBIs. His two-run pinch-hit single on Sept. 21 beat Tampa Bay to clinch the AL East, earning him one last huge ovation, and he hit .429 (6 for 14) in the five-game loss to Detroit in the division series.

After the last game, Posada got choked up.

"It was very hard that day, very emotional that night," he recalled. "It was tough for me to know that I was not coming back."

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman has been noncommittal about Posada's future.

"Obviously decisions have to be made," he said earlier Wednesday. "I'm not prepared to talk about that at this point in time."

Posada doesn't think New York would want him as an instructor for young catchers Jesus

Montero and Austin Romine.

"I don't think I'm going to be around with the Yankees," he said before adding: "I love teaching. I think I can help out. If I'm not playing, I will be doing something with baseball."

When his contract expired after the 2006 season, the then 36-year-old Williams was offered a minor league deal with an invitation to prove himself during spring training. Despite requests from manager Joe Torre, Williams turned down the offer.

Does Posada feel his phase-out was similar?

"If you had asked me that question in February of this year, I would have said no. But now I would say yes," Posada responded. "It went the same way, pretty much."

Posada speaks often with Williams, who has advised him to make sure the decision to retire or move on is right for him.

"I think after he stays home a few more months and he realizes how hard it is to stay home with the kids, I think he's going to pay a team to have him play," Laura said, jokingly. "Honestly, what I said to him was you need to really be sure about your decision, because you don't want to have any regrets. You don't want to feel in your mind that you didn't accomplish something that you set out to accomplish when you started playing baseball. He has been playing baseball all his life, so it's really hard to wake up and not have anything to do."

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NBA and players to talk again Thursday



NEW YORK (AP)—David Stern's deadline passed without a deal, though the NBA and its players will talk again Thursday.

The NBA commissioner wouldn't give any hints about what that means for hopes of ending the lockout.

"I would not read into this optimism or pessimism," he said. "We're not failing. We're not succeeding. We're just there."

Players and owners met for more than 12 hours on the 132nd day of the lockout, an important one after Stern warned that if players didn't agree to the league's latest proposal by the end of the business day, a far worse one would be coming.

Instead, he "stopped the clock" and said the backup offer would only go into play if this round of bargaining breaks down.

As usual, neither side offered many specifics, though union executive director Billy Hunter said the sides never got around to discussing the split of basketball-related income.

Besides that, there are still a handful of issues related to the salary cap system that players want addressed before they might agree to the league's demands for a 50-50 split of revenues.

"I can't characterize whether they showed flexibility or not in certain system issues," union president Derek Fisher said. "Obviously, we'd have a deal done if the right flexibility was being shown. The fact that we don't have a deal lets you know that there's still a lot of work to be done on the system."

The parties plan to return at noon Thursday to resume talks.

"We can't say there was significant progress today," Fisher said. "We'll be back tomorrow ... and we'll see if we can con-



NBA commissioner David Stern arrives for NBA labor talks in New York, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

tinue to make the efforts at least to finish this out."

Stern had set a 5 p.m. ET deadline for players to accept the league's latest proposal or have it replaced by a much harsher one that would drive the sides even farther apart.

He said the offer was not pulled at that time because the league was "trying to demonstrate our good faith. Stern added that the understanding was the offer potentially would be pulled at the end of this se-

ries of negotiations, whenever that might be.

Failure to make a deal likely would increase the calls for the union to decertify so the players can file a lawsuit against the league in court, a risky and lengthy tactic that likely would doom the 2011-12 season. Union officials have downplayed the idea, but players might have no other leverage once the more severe proposal is put into play.

The current offer calls for

players to receive between 49 percent and 51 percent of basketball-related income, though the union said it would be impossible to get above 50.2 percent. Players were guaranteed 57 percent of BRI under the previous collective bargaining agreement.

Though they called this deal unacceptable, they might not see another one nearly as favorable.

The next proposal would call for a 53-47 revenue split in the owners' favor, essentially a hard salary cap and salary rollbacks, which the league originally sought but had taken off the table. Both proposals were sent to Hunter on Sunday.

Stern and Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver were joined Wednesday by Spurs owner Peter Holt, the chairman of the labor relations committee, and lawyers Rick Buchanan and Dan Rube. Besides Hunter and Fisher, vice presidents Roger Mason Jr. and Maurice Evans, economist Kevin Murphy and attorney Jeffrey Kessler represented the union.

Kessler took part just hours after saying he regretted telling the Washington Post that owners are treating players like "plantation workers" during the ongoing lockout. He said he planned to call Stern and apologize.

Besides the revenue split, the sides still are divided on elements of the salary cap system, mostly relating to the spending rules for teams that are over the luxury tax level. Players want those teams to remain options for free agents, whereas the league thinks talent would be more evenly distributed throughout the league if payrolls were more balanced.

Players indicated after their meeting Tuesday that they

would be open to reducing their BRI take if owners made some changes on the system issues. Players offered to go to about 51 percent Saturday, with 1 percent going into a fund for retired player benefits.

But the league has placed as much importance on the system as the split, making it difficult to find compromise on the handful of items that remain unsettled. Owners believe there won't be

the competitive balance they desire until payrolls are more equally balanced.

A month of games already has been canceled. Hunter said Tuesday he had heard Stern also planned to cancel games through Christmas without a deal Wednesday, though Stern later told NBA TV that "we have made no such plans, and we have had no such discussions."

Hall of Famer 'Easy Ed' Macauley dies at 83

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Ed Macauley, one of the NBA's first big stars who won a championship with the St. Louis Hawks and was traded by the Boston Celtics for Bill Russell, has died. He was 83.

Saint Louis University announced Macauley's death on Tuesday. The school had no other details. "Easy Ed" was a standout player with the Billikens, leading them to the 1948 NIT title.

Macauley was elected to the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame in 1960. A native of St. Louis, he was a territorial pick of that city's Basketball Association of America franchise, the Bombers. He played there for one season and then was selected by the Celtics in a 1950 dispersal draft.

Macauley played for the Celtics from the 1950-51 season until 1955-56. He and the draft rights to future Hall of Famer Cliff Hagan were traded by Boston to the St. Louis Hawks on April 29, 1956, for the rights to Russell, a move that changed the power structure of the NBA.

The Celtics went on to win 11 titles with Russell dominating in the paint.

After the deal, Macauley and the Hawks faced Russell and the Celtics in consecutive NBA finals. Boston won in 1957, then the Hawks took the crown in 1958.

The 6-foot-8 Macauley, who had his No. 22 retired by the Celtics, played three seasons with the Hawks before retiring with a career average of 17.5 points per game. He was a seven-time All-Star, six of the appearances with Boston. He was the MVP of the first NBA All-Star game in 1951.

He coached the Hawks for two seasons, compiling an 89-48 record with two playoff appearances.

Macauley scored 24 points as Saint Louis University, which finished with a 24-3 record under first-year coach Ed Hickey, beat New York University in the 1948 NIT championship game at Madison Square Garden. Three days later, the team arrived at Union Station by train and was greeted by 15,000 fans for a parade.

Steelers' Clark fined \$40,000, blasts NFL



PITTSBURGH (AP)—Ryan Clark's first fine for an illegal hit drew nothing but a remorseful nod from the Pittsburgh Steelers safety.

The second fine—this one for a violent collision with Baltimore Ravens tight end Ed Dickson on Sunday night—drew his wrath.

"This is the worst, period, point blank," Clark said.

The Ravens were driving late in the first half when quarterback Joe Flacco tried to hit Dickson running up the seam. Dickson got his hands on the ball before Clark smashed into him. Dickson wasn't hurt on the play, though it appeared his facemask collided into the back of Clark's helmet before the ball squirted free.

Clark was flagged for unnecessary roughness and the 15-yard penalty helped the Ravens end the half with a Billy Cundiff

field goal on their way to a 23-20 victory.

The next day the league hit Clark with a \$40,000 penalty for what Clark felt was a perfectly normal play and left him wondering if the NFL has gone too far in policing dangerous hits, particularly ones doled out by the defending AFC champions.

"There wasn't anything malicious about it," Clark said. "It wasn't a spear. It wasn't a forearm to the head. It wasn't any of those things and to be fined \$40,000 for that? To me it's either targeting me as a single player or it's targeting this team."

The Steelers have been fined 13 times for more than \$182,000 this season, with Clark's latest the biggest of the bunch.

Coach Mike Tomlin notified Clark of the fine on Monday, though Clark says referees never offered him an explanation for the flag and he be-

lieved he would get a reprieve after league officials got a look at the tape.

"I was actually expecting to get a call back and say that it wasn't wrong, because it wasn't," Clark said. "I did everything I was asked to do and (NFL Commissioner Roger) Goodell and all those other guys, they sit in their office with their suits and make these decisions on what a split-second reaction by the player is and this time it's wrong."

The fine was the second in as many weeks for Clark. He didn't appeal when the league slapped him with a \$15,000 fine for hitting New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski out of bounds in a 25-17 Pittsburgh victory on Oct. 30.

The case then was pretty cut and dried. Gronkowski was clearly out of the field of play when Clark decked him.

"I took the last fine for good," Clark said. "I didn't know the

guy was out of bounds and I kept playing. I could see why you call something like that."

He remains baffled by the interpretation of the hit on Dickson and said Tomlin used tape of the play as an example of how to dislodge a receiver from the ball.

"We looked at the film and watched it and I went back and watched it and if you slow it down it's as picture perfect of a tackle as you can make," quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said.

Tomlin rallied around Clark, saying in a statement he felt the fine was "excessive" and "Ryan has my full support if he chooses to appeal this in any way."

Clark hasn't decided whether to ask the league to take a second look, mostly because of the way the process is handled.

The players can appeal to former NFL coaches Art Shell and Ted Cottrell, who are paid by the league and the NFL Players

Association to handle such cases. Their appeal must be heard by the second Tuesday following notification of the discipline. Goodell can become involved in the process at any time.

The Steelers aren't into conspiracy theories, but they're also the only team in the league that voted against the CBA. Clark, who serves as the team's union player representative, believes NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith should get involved. His teammates don't think it's a bad idea.

"That's his job. I think he should do something because right now it seems like they can do whatever they want to," linebacker James Harrison said.

The NFLPA did not immediately return a request for comment from The Associated Press.

Regardless, Clark argues if the hit against Dickson was against the rules, he's not sure what's legal anymore.

"Am I supposed to let him catch it and then wait for him and hug him?" Clark said.

"Should I throw a pillow at him? Should I blow a whistle? 'Hey look, I'm about to tackle you.' No, that's not football."

Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis agrees. The All-Pro was also fined for making helmet-to-helmet contact with Pittsburgh wide receiver Hines Ward, who immediately left the game with concussion-like symptoms.

"You can't stop playing defense the way defense has always been created to play," Lewis said. "When the receiver has the ball, your job is to disengage him from the ball. You never want to hurt nobody. I've been in this business too long. I just think once you start getting into these fines I don't know how they come up with the numbers most of the time."

Neither does Clark, who threatened to go out and blatantly earn the fine next time.

"So it's going to turn into if you're going to fine me \$40,000, I might as well put him to sleep for real or I might as well blow his knee out," Clark said.

Susupe/Armatech notches second win

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Susupe/Armatech took its second win in the 2011 MDX Amateur Radio Club Inter-Village Friendship League after downing Chalan Laulau/AON, 64-51, last Sunday at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe.

Eugene Manglona paced Susupe/Armatech with 15 points, while his six other teammates contributed at least six points each to give their squad an even 2-2 card in Bracket A of the 18-team field.

Susupe/Armatech led from start to finish to hand AON its first loss in two games.

Chalan Kanoa 74, Gualo Rai 51

Chalan Kanoa/Fong's Bakery defeated Gualo Rai/Blue Haus to improve to a 2-0 record and take the solo lead in Bracket A.

Jun Tabora, J.R. Mina, and Ezra Caro teamed up in Chalan Kanoa/Fong's Bakery's 23-point victory. Tabora fired 22 points, while Mina and Caro chipped in 13 apiece.

Chalan Kanoa/Fong's Bakery held Gualo Rai to eight points in the opening quarter for an early double-digit lead and never looked back from thereon.

Tanapag 66, Puerto Rico 47

In another Bracket A game, Tanapag/FGC broke into the win column after three tries, following a 19-point triumph over Puerto Rico/Triskelion.

Four Tanapag/FGC players scored in double digits with Dennis Morales leading the way with 15 points.

Both teams started slow with Tanapag ahead by only a deuce after the first period, 10-8, before Morales and company picked up the scoring in the next three quarters to snap their losing skid.

BRACKET B China Town 67, As Perdido 54

Also drilling its first win was China Town/Slashers, which prevailed over As Perdido/B-Boys.

Fradel Sedillo exploded for 35 points to help China Town/Slashers recover from its opening day loss. Mike Olaitiman contributed 10.



Susupe/Armatech's Bruce Berline pulls up for a shot against two Chalan Laulau/AON defenders during their game in the MDX caging last Sunday at the Civic Center Court.

An 18-7 start was all China Town/Slashers needed to control the game and hand As Perdido/B-Boys back-to-back losses.

Kagman 56, Dandan 51

In the other Bracket B game, Kagman/Destroyers edged Dandan/Hawaiian Rock.

Lerio Pagarao paced Kagman with 14 points, while Dan Mateo added 10. Kagman held Dandan to 20 points in the first half and played steady in the second half to eke out a five-point win.

First Game

China Town/Slashers 67 – Sedillo 35, Olaitiman 10, Jugos 7, Moises 6, Buniag 6, Mangubat 1.

As Perdido/B-Boys 54 – Demafelis 14, Feria 12, B. Mendoza 9, Dagos 7, Atienza 5, Ferrer 3, Laquian 2, M. Mendoza 1.

Scoring by quarters: 18-7, 30-21, 56-40, 67-54.

Second Game

Chalan Kanoa/Fong's Bakery 74 – Tabora 22, Mina 13, Caro 13, Santos 6, Lerio 5, Ortiz 4, Alano 4, Pena 2.

Gualo Rai/Blue Haus 51 – Saplan 18, Tenorio 14, Culala 5, Anasan 5, Lagado 2, Olivos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-8,

40-24, 57-39, 74-51.

Third Game

Tanapag/FGC 66 – Morales 14, Mungcal 13, Mortos 12, Pangelinan 10, Yalung 9, Gomez 6.

Puerto Rico/Triskelion 47 – Talania 14, Yap 6, Teng 6, Crisostomo 4, Batuyung 4, Aguilar 4, Vien 3, Evangelista 2, Besmonte 2.

Scoring by quarters: 10-8, 31-14, 59-22, 66-47.

Fourth Game

Kagman/Destroyer 56 – Pagarao 14, Mateo 10, Cortez 8, Ito 5, Detera 4, Camacho 2, Valiente 2, Brillo 1.

Dandan/Hawaiian Rock 51 – Taracatac 10, Reyes 8, Dela Cruz 7, Tenepere 4, Corotan 4, Pena 4, Enriquez 2, Ibanez 1.

Scoring by quarters: 14-7, 25-20, 39-30, 56-51.

Fifth Game

Susupe/Armatech 64 – Manglona 15, Trajano 9, Berline 7, Moreno 7, Ja. Ano 7, Je. Ano 6, Abuy 6, Jinang 4, A. Crisostomo 3.

Chalan Laulau/AON 51 – Reyes 14, Pablo 11, Jo. Capuyon 8, Manipon 5, Echavez 4, J.J. Capuyon 4, Del Rosario 3, Poquis 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-10, 31-22, 48-37, 64-51.

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last season's finale, the championship match was also decided in the third set with the Geckos escaping with a win, 19-25, 25-23, 15-12. The plot of yesterday's rematch was the same as last year's with the Eagles drawing first blood and SIS recovering in the second, but the ending had a twist with GCA showing toughness in the homestretch to pull off the win this time.

"Of course, I thought about what happened last season when we were almost there (champi-

onship), but blew it off. However in this championship match, although I knew SIS was a very tough opponent, I never doubted by players. I had confidence in them and I knew they could pull it off no matter how hard the challenges they faced," said GCA coach Becky Robles when asked of last year's finals collapse.

GCA faced serious obstacles right at the very first set when SIS went toe-to-toe with the Eagles and moved within a point of winning the opening set, 24-22, after Zoe Jewell's tap fell to an unguarded spot. However, GCA regrouped and tied the game at 24-all, with Dae Min Jeon scor-

ing on a kill and the spike of SIS' Clay McCullough-Stearns hitting the net. The Eagles went on to win the extended set by two points after Angelo Salas made an ace and Jeon blocked McCullough-Stearns in the ensuing plays.

Jeon, Salas, Ira Batallones, Julie Muna, Michiko Tenorio, and James Libut started for GCA and Robles stuck with the six all throughout the game, while SIS made a few changes on its roster in the last part of the second set.

The second set was another back and forth match with SIS leading by as much as three, 23-20, before GCA recovered

only to lose the break in the end of another extended tiff. SIS was on top, 25-24, when referee Scott Norman initially awarded a point to GCA after a net play as he first thought McCullough-Stearns' hit against two GCA defenders went under the net. Norman then conferred with umpire Vanessa Pritchard, who said the hit went over the net, and gave SIS the game point. Although disappointed with the questionable call, Robles told her players to let the second-set loss go and focused in the last set.

In the deciding third set, neither team seemed ready to

throw in the towel as SIS and GCA did not want to disappoint their respective supporters who were active all throughout the game cheering for their teams.

The finalists trades spikes and digs and the match was still close at the 6-8 tally, in favor of GCA, which then pulled away after teams switched courts. Jeon, Libut, and Salas proved to be too much against SIS frontliners in the end. Libut went for a kill off Salas' toss to move GCA within a point of regaining the varsity championship, 14-7.

Tenorio served for the match point, but her service was received and when the ball returned to SIS, Andy Nutting went for a spike and scored, keeping SIS' hopes alive. However, the Geckos' celebration was short lived as after Nutting's point, his serve went wide, awarding GCA the victory.

"This was a sweet one, as it came against the team that beat us last year. Hats off to SIS for giving us a good fight. This was how a championship game should be played," Robles said.

FGC

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in the second match of the night.

Mike Babauta started things out for Proa, making five points in their 14-8 lead in the first quarter. Proa then erupted in the second quarter and pulled away with a 40-21 halftime advantage. Dan Barcinas led the charge with eight markers in the second quarter, while over half

of Andhok's offense came from the free throw line in the period.

In the third canto, James Sablan and Pete Iguel tallied six points apiece, as the count shifted to 64-42, with 10 minutes left in regulation.

Iguel and Marvin Rabauliman took over the game from that point and teamed up for 18 at crunch time. Iguel top-scored for Proa with his 21 points.

Action in the GBL IT&E Cup continues tonight as Blue

Haus-Satbahi (0-1) takes on the Ol'Aces (0-1) at 6pm and FGC faces Rebels (1-0) at 8pm.

First Game

FGC 96 – Babauta 22, Basila 16, Pagarao 16, Bernardo 12, Morales 10, Yabut 6, Santos 5, David 4.

Mobil 78 – Estolas 20, Maratita 13, Lizama 10, Fernando 8, Factor 6, Sharry 6, Demapan 6, De Guzman 5, Moises 4.

Scoring by quarters: 21-16,

43-37, 73-55, 96-78.

Second Game

Proa 89 – Iguel 21, Rabauliman 11, Barcinas 11, Johnson 10, Sablan 8, Ogumoro 7, Lizama 6, Babauta 5, Chariton 5, Norita 3, Villacrusis 2.

Andhok's 56 – Artates 10, Lauron 10, Tenorio 10, Montano 7, Alipio 6, Wesley 5, Park 4, Abedes 2, Mateo 1, Umali 1.

Scoring by quarters: 14-8, 40-21, 64-42, 89-56.

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four-team field, while SIS ended up with a 2-4 record. With its undefeated record, MHS, which was scheduled to play its last game yesterday against Kagman, is the hands down favorite coming into the double-elimination post-season tournament, which is set from Nov. 18 to 19. The Nov. 18 matches will take place at MHS starting at 1pm,

while the Nov. 19 games will be moved to the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium and will begin at 8am.

The Lady Dolphins shot out of a cannon after the tip and amassed a 24-2 lead in the opening 10 minutes. After their impressive victory over Saipan Southern High School last Tuesday, the Geckos were contained to one basket in the first quarter.

Jaime Mendoza led the MHS in the opening canto with her seven points, while Jeraldine

Castillo and Lia Rangamar chipped in six apiece.

In the second period, Nicole Arboliras came of the bench and contributed six points, as the Lady Dolphins trudged ahead, 38-5.

MHS eased up after the break, but remained well in control heading into the final stanza, 46-18.

SIS's Amber Roberts mustered eight points in the third quarter, but the other Geckos struggled against the Lady Dolphins' feisty defense.

Castillo led MHS with five points at crunch time as the Dolphins cruised to an easy win.

Castillo finished with a game-high 15 points, while Roberts managed eight in the loss.

MHS 53 – Castillo 15, Mendoza 11, Abrams 8, Arboliras 6, Rangamar 6, Lizardo 4, Williams 3.

SIS 24 – Roberts 12, Jewell 8, Hudkins 4.

Scoring by quarters: 24-2, 38-5, 46-18, 53-24

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Berks Blazers, and Shirley's Badminton Club. It will be the first time that actual clubs will participate in the Traders tournament, as the first four editions of the annual event sort of implemented an inter-color competition. Last year, the Pink Dynamites won the championship after beating the Black Hawks in the finals, 20-9.

The fifth edition of the year-end tournament is made possible with Traders Insurance reaffirming its commitment to NMBA after turning over a \$1,500 donation for the team competition.

"Even though the CNMI is affected by the declining global economy, Traders Insurance would like to continue supporting sports activities here to create an active and healthy environment for members of our community," said Traders Insurance chief operating officer and general manager Ernesto Licop, who joined vice president Ma-

lou Mendoza in the donation turnover ceremony yesterday at the company's office in Oleai.

NMBA officials Shirley Kim, Merlie Tolentino, Roger Valez, and Puy Macario were also present at the ceremony.

Meanwhile, this year's team tournament will allow each club to have 12 players in their respective rosters. Players can only play in two matches against the opposing club. Teams will field players in 11 categories: men's doubles Class A and Lower A, Class B, and C; women's doubles Class A and Lower, Class B, and Class C and below; mixed doubles Class A and Lower, Class B, and Class C; and men's and women's singles, which are open to players in all classes.

Participating clubs will play in a round-robin format with the Top 4 advancing to the cross-over semifinals. Pairings for the semis will be No. 1 versus No. 4 and No. 2 against No. 3. Games will be played on weekends and will run until Dec. 4. The opening ceremony will start at 6:30pm.



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Sweet revenge for GCA Eagles



Grace Christian Academy's Dae Min Jeon, left, battles Saipan International School's Jehn Joyner in the net during their championship game in the varsity division of the COPSSA volleyball league yesterday at the Whispering Palms court.

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Grace Christian Academy reclaimed the varsity division championship it lost to Saipan International School last season after surviving the Geckos in a three-set finale of the 2011-2012 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League yesterday at the Whispering Palms court.



The Eagles prevailed in the winner-take-all finals, 26-24, 24-26, 15-8, to clinch their seventh varsity title in eight years.

When GCA and SIS faced in

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FGC whips Mobil in GBL IT&E Cup

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FGC cruised to its second win in as many games after dominating Mobil, 96-78, during the curtain raiser in the 2011 Garapan Basketball League IT&E Cup last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

FGC and Mobil slugged it out in the first half before Zack Babauta sizzled for the former and connected on a trio of three-pointers for 11 points in the third quarter to turn a 43-37 lead to a double-digit advantage entering the final canto, 73-55.

Lerio Pagarao finished what Babauta started for FGC, scoring eight points in the final canto. Uncharacteristically, Mobil never postured a comeback in the fourth period despite nailing three treys late in the game and dropped to an even 1-1 record.



FGC's Kae Bernardo wrestles out a loose ball against Mobil's Bart Demapan during their game in the GBL IT&E Cup last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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FGC broke out to a slight 21-16 edge in the opening 10 minutes as Babauta, Banjo Basila, Kae Bernardo all turned in a handful of markers.

The two teams then traded baskets in the second quarter to stay on track. Seven FGC players contributed on the offensive end, while Mobil's Jun Estolas managed six points to keep his team in pursuit.

FGC continued to play physical defense after the break and forced Mobil to earn almost half of its points from the free throw line in the third quarter. The play worked on FGC's advantage for the easy win in the fourth canto.

Babauta paced FGC with 22 points.

Proa 89, Andhok's 56

Proa recovered from a sorry loss to Mobil (82-81) in its debut game after crushing Andhok's

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Lady Dolphins extend streak

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The Marianas High School Lady Dolphins moved a win away from having a perfect regular season after routing Saipan International School, 53-24, last Wednesday

in the penultimate game in the varsity division of the 2011-2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League at the MHS Gymnasium. The Lady Dolphins improved to a 5-0 record in the double-round robin regular season for first place in the

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Marianas High School's Lily Williams goes for a reverse layup against a Saipan International School defender during their varsity game in the MISO caging last Wednesday at the MHS Gymnasium.

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Traders Insurance badminton tournament opens tomorrow

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The 5th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament

will kick off tomorrow at the TSL Sports Complex with five clubs competing for this year's championship.

The list includes Taga Badminton Club, Saipan Badminton Club, Golden Rackets, See TRADERS on Page 31



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Traders Insurance chief operating officer and general manager Ernesto Licop, second right, turns over a check to NMBA official Shirley Kim, third left, in support of the 5th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament.



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